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# The Editor's Desk

This issue of TV/TS *Tapestry Journal* feels more tightly focused than usual. Although there is pretty much the regular spread of this, that, and the other thing, the more I read what we have, the fewer the threads that tie them all together. The idea of digging oneself out of a hole one has been digging oneself into almost all of one's life seems at least ridiculous, if not preposterous, until one starts digging. Issue #64 covers a lot of that same ground.

When a member of the gender community asks the standard questions, the answers are at first too disconcerting to be pursued: Who am I? What am I? How can I live like this? There are many mirrors that answer these questions for us, whether we ask them or not. **Patrice Noel** challenges herself to defend herself to herself. There is at least one winner. There are the people we are in close relationships with, so close, that our harboring a guilty secret will infect the relationship, as **Niela Miller** tells. When we try to explain ourselves to someone else, we might wind up learning more than we thought we knew. **Charlene Hunter** and her wife traveled a lot of miles to take a long trip of learning about what is inside. **Rachel Stewart** makes us look a little harder inside before we rush off to tell all the people outside the *real* truth about ourselves. **Lauren Hotchkiss** talks about how the challenge of a relationship forces/clarifies her relationship with herself. **Shannon Bell** spends a weekend learning how to be a guy, and discovers that if she can be anybody, maybe she can be herself. All these writers walk the path of self discovery. **Catherine Andrews**, **Selena Shepherd**, and **Cori Hess** talk about how to honor that discovery, celebrate it, and even how to have some fun with it.

Speeches don't make good articles. You can't hear them in print, and they weren't written to be read. **JoAnn Roberts**, **Helen Cassidy**, and **Carol Beecroft** show how we can affect the world in which we live; how we can chip away at the stone wall of the rest of the world's ignorance. **Canon Jones** demonstrates beyond the shadow of a doubt that some of those on the outside looking in might as well be in. Three speeches in this issue were by winners of awards at the 1993 Coming Together-Working Together convention.

**Martine Rothblatt** and **Janice Van Cleve** each describes people who have chosen and continue to choose to live their own lives. These two articles may be instructive just for the simplicity of their demonstration of the possible.

Finally, there's **Ingrid Morgensolen** and and **Jessica Xavier**. Neither of these articles is timely, and both are out of place. They both remind us how hard it is to become free, and how much work our continued freedom demands. Somebody said something about eternal vigilance and liberty, but I forget who it was and what they said. I'm sure it was a long time ago, though.

Vivian D. Allen

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# We Will Be Going To Portland After All !

In Issue #63 I told you our 1994 Coming Together convention was scheduled for Portland, Oregon, but we might not be able to go. The problem was the hotels we were negotiating with came up with the requirement that our people would be denied access to any public facility (bathrooms, pool, exercise room). Ten years ago we might have accepted such a condition, but not now. Since we would not sacrifice either our dignity or the progress we have made, we unceremoniously told these hotels what they could go do with their requirements. That put us in a terrible position. We ***really*** wanted to go to Portland! It's a great city, a beautiful city, filled with wonderful people who wanted us. However, the intolerant attitudes of a few left us with no hotel, no back-up hotels, and no alternate locations.

As we wrung our hands and brooded about our plight, Ellen Summers and Roni Lang of the Northwest Gender Alliance, and Georgette Lazar of the Portland Visitors Bureau went to work. Within just a few weeks we had outstanding proposals from the Downtown Marriott and the Portland Hilton, two of the best hotels in town. I was shocked. When I originally researched these hotels, they were far too expensive *(in the $150+ a night range).* In addition, they both claimed they had no space available during the time requested, and offered us no proposals. Suddenly they both had space available and they both brought their prices down to within reach. Our hotel negotiator, Alison Laing, was back in negotiator's heaven, our fax machine was screaming with happy reports, and I rekindled visions of having my pre-con meetings at the Blue Ox Lounge in Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood, with 12 feet of snow outside and all lifts running. *(I like to ski, in case you didn't know.)*

What happened? Apparently, Georgette made a few phone calls, which motivated the hotels' sales people to make a few phone calls, and, TA DA, they found out we were in fact good people and good business. What iced it, though, was Ellen and Roni going to the hotels and introducing themselves in a pleasant and professional manner. In a matter of two short weeks we went from having no place to go, to having the two best hotels in Portland battling each other for our business. **It was great!**

Well, Alison did her job, kept the telephones and fax machines humming, and we now have a fine contract, signed, sealed, and delivered. Timberline Lodge, here I come!

We will be using the Portland Hilton, located at 921 SW 6th Ave. *(This will be our third Hilton in a row. I'm not sure, but it looks like a trend.)* The date of the convention will be from Saturday, March 12 to Sunday, March 20, 1994. We are pleased to announce that there will be no increase in registration fees, and the room fees for single and double occupancy will be under $100.

There is a message here. In the past we have absolutely insisted that our people conduct themselves with dignity and treat all people with respect. That was especially true when dealing with the hotel staff and the general public. That attitude has paid and continues to pay huge dividends, not only for those fortunate enough to be able to attend the Coming Together convention, but for everyone. I am extremely proud of our people, and especially proud of Ellen, and Roni, and all our wonderful people in Portland, Oregon.

Portland '94 is going to be a great convention! **See you there.**

My Love To You All,

Merissa L. Lyon

# Merissa Sherrill Lynn

## Hang-ups

In my mission statement, which hangs on the wall at our headquarters, I stated cross-dressing and transsexualism have been a fundamental part of the human experience as long as there as been a human experience. I also stated that an ongoing ignorance and intolerance towards these phenomena still costs cross-dressers and transsexuals (our people) their happiness, their families, their jobs, and their lives. In other words, this institutionalized intolerance costs our people the opportunity to live balanced, happy and productive lives. In fact, it costs everyone the opportunity to live balanced lives. It is the objective of IFGE to overcome this devastating ignorance and intolerance. In order to overcome it, we must first understand why the intolerance began, and why it was maintained.

It is my contention that as far as western society is concerned, the roots of our bigotry are in the development of mid-east patriarchal societies, or more specifically, with the society responsible for the Old Testament. Therefore, let's start with that ever-popular passage from the Old Testament, our old friend, Deuteronomy 22:5:

> *The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all that do so are abominations unto the Lord thy God.*

If it weren't for the fact that many people actually believe it, and many others love to use it to justify their bigotry against us, and many of our people's lives are destroyed because of it, I would call Deuteronomy 22:5 silly. It's something no logical person could possibly take seriously. Then again, whoever said institutionalized intolerance was logical?

Deuteronomy 22:5 has been around for perhaps 2,500 years; possibly longer. Why? It doesn't work, so why keep it? Why did the guy who wrote it, write it? It couldn't have worked for those who were being repressed by it, but did it work for the author? Why? Clearly, male-to-female and female-to-male cross-dressing must have been prevalent, otherwise it probably would never have occurred to anyone to write a passage condemning it. Also, the author's society must have been male dominated, otherwise it would not have been necessary to call their God "the Lord." Other religions called God "God" (or whatever), then broke that concept down into male and female aspects. Not these people. To them, God was male. Can you imagine the male superiority hang-ups that caused? Still causes? Why did they do it? Probably because it was a patriarchal society totally dominated by men who wanted to maintain superior status, keep their power, and treat women as property. I have to admit, if men wanted to justify dominating women, calling their God "the Lord" was a great way to do it, if they could get away with it.

Why was cross-dressing such a threat to the author, and to those who supported it? I asked a few Biblical-type scholars about Deuteronomy 22:5. They told me in those days the temple was the seat of learning and power, and it was controlled by men. If men were to maintain their superior status, they had to keep women uneducated, subservient, and out of the temple. Deuteronomy 22:5 was probably written by priests who wanted to keep women from impersonating men to gain entrance to the temple. Condemning men for cross-dressing was sort of an afterthought, and was probably intended to keep men from impersonating women to gain access to the harems. That told me women were in fact chattel, possessions that needed to be protected from the sexual advances of men. The scholars added that men expressing themselves as women was probably seen as lowering the status of men, and that would have been threatening. That explanation told me both priests and men in general were threatened both by women using cross-dressing to elevate their status, and by male cross-dressers, especially those trying to gain access to their females for sex. After all, these men had to protect their property. The priests were smart people. They had the power to call anything that was a threat to their control and status "an abomination unto the Lord thy God." They must have ruled over an abysmally naive population, because the people let them get away with it.

There was more. These scholars also told me the passage was probably written to be used as a weapon against other religions. Apparently there was quite a power struggle

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going on between the patriarchal-based Judaism and the surrounding matriarchal and nature-based religions of Assyria and Syria. Most notable of these religions were the Syrian worship of the Goddess Atagatis, and the Assyrian worship of the Goddess Ishtar. Cross-dressing was a fundamental part of the worship ceremonies of these goddesses. They condemned cross-dressing in order to condemn the worship ceremonies in order to condemn the religion. By condemning the religion they won support and weakened their enemy.

> *If you want to destroy your enemy, tell a lie, tell it loudly, tell it often, and soon people will believe it.*

Deuteronomy contains the roots of contemporary society's worst hang-ups. It manifests a religiously induced male superiority complex. It reveals socialized sexism, and condemns women to the status of chattel. It uses God to justify the status quo of the power elite. It uses God for political and military expediency. It uses God to turn other people and other people's religions into hate groups. It uses God to condemn cross-dressing. It uses God to condemn.

As you can tell, I am not a fan of the Old Testament. As far as I'm concerned, it is the main source of our institutionalized bigotry, and one of our biggest roadblocks to overcoming it. However, as I said, cross-dressing has been a part of every society, and every society has had its own ways of dealing with it. If we are to understand why our society deals with it the way it does, we have to leave Deuteronomy and move on up to the Dark Ages.

By the 4th century, Christianity dominated much of the world. Unfortunately, the Christian power-brokers also brought with them the tactics and attitudes of the Old Testament. Countless people, especially our people, suffered and died because of it. For instance, let's look at what they did to the Celtic Pagans (Wiccans) in England and Ireland.

As with their ancient predecessors, the Celtic Pagans were a nature-based religion that used cross-dressing in their religious practices. As with their ancient predecessors, the Christians used the Old Testament to turn the Pagans into a feared and hated group. They condemned the Pagans' religious practices by condemning cross-dressing. They declared Paganism, which was a benevolent nature-oriented religion, to be devil worship. The Pagans depicted their male god-head as an elk, a horned animal, and the Christians depicted their demons and devils as horned animals. Pagan religious leaders were called witches, a word derived from the Celtic word *wiccè*, meaning "wise one." The Christians made "witch" synonymous with evil, and depicted witches as hags. Since witches were both male and female, they invented the word "warlock" in order to give men superior status within these newly labeled satanic cults. They took Pagan magic, the choreographing of natural forces for good, and called it necromancy, sorcery, and black magic. There isn't an adult or child alive today that hasn't been affected by the concepts of evil witches, demons, and black magic.

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Fortunately, although the Christians did become the dominant society, no matter how hard they tried, they couldn't kill either Paganism or the desire to cross-dress. In fact, Halloween (originally All Hallow's Eve ) was a concession to both cross-dressing and Paganism. (It wasn't much of a concession, since they tried to attach the quality of fear to it.) All Hallow's Eve was a Pagan festival to celebrate the end of harvest. It was also a time when people, especially our people, could express themselves as they saw fit. In effect, Halloween was a concession to the Pagans, a coping device for cross-dressers, and a way for the dominant society to keep things under control.

Other festivals and carnivals emerged and became a major and (relatively speaking) acceptable way for our people to express themselves. In addition to All Hallow's Eve, they had the Feast of Fools, St. Stephen's Day, and the Christmas tradition of Mumming (when both men and women would cross-dress and go from house to house). (These festivals survive today in the forms of Mardi Gras, Fasching, and the Mummer's Day Parade.) There was one hitch, however. Men who cross-dressed still had to look like men. Looking too much like a woman meant certain chastisement, and possibly death.

During the Middle Ages severe repression was still a way of life. History was resplendent with stories about the use of cross-dressing as a weapon against other people. For example, there was the famous case of Saint Jerome. It seems as though Jerome's enemies wanted to destroy him, so they placed a woman's garment beside his bed and spread the rumor that he was a cross-dresser. In order to save his life he had to flee to Rome, and from there prove his innocence. The effort to prove his innocence earned him sainthood. Even more famous than Jerome was Saint Joan of Arc. Joan of Arc, the Maid of Orleans, cross-dressed as a man and led the French armies against the English. When she was captured, the English used her cross-dressing to prove she was in league with the devil, then burned her at the stake.

An interesting twist to that is, even though Joan lost her life for being a cross-dresser, she lost it more because of political expedience than because of her cross-dressing. In fact, female cross-dressing was fairly common, and was far less grievous a sin than male cross-dressing. Since, after 2,000+ years of repression, females were no longer considered to be the threat to male supremacy they once must have been, men found it easier to tolerate a woman who wanted to raise her status by impersonating a man ... so long as she saw the error of her ways and returned to being a submissive female afterwards. Females were

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# Mary Lynne White

## A Positive Perspective On Dominance

### Bringing It Out Of The Closet

My last article dealt with the importance of self-acceptance; how it contributes to our overall sense of balance, wholeness and health. This involves embracing every aspect of who we are. In order to feel better about ourselves, we must acknowledge and accept even the dark shadowy parts of ourselves that we don't want anyone else to see. Even our demons of anger, rage, control, jealousy, etc. need to be loved. Judging them as wrong makes them even more powerful, and they do not go away. Our cultural mores place the arena of dominance/submission into the dark closets of people's minds. It is judged as being "bad" because it isn't "normal." I don't know what normal is anymore. The time has come for us to look at this topic from a different perspective. Because each of us has both dominant and submissive tendencies, wouldn't it make sense for us to make peace with those aspects of our psyches and see how they can serve us in a more positive light?

**PARADOX AND DUALITY**

Contrary to popular belief, life is not an "either/or" proposition. We've been taught to look at it from a dualistic point of view: right/wrong, black/white, male/female, dominant/submissive, etc. We are not one or the other. We are both! Each is a part of the whole. Some of us may experience more of one side than the other, yet the other side still exists. If there is something about ourselves we don't like, we often disown it by denying its existence. Then, if that same behavior, attitude, or characteristic is exhibited by someone else, we judge them. In so doing, we project our own guilt onto someone else. If a part of you judges the notion of dominance as it is commonly fantasized about in this community, you have a choice. You can easily disregard what I have to say, moving back into your fears and complacency, or you can learn something about why you judge it. Anytime we judge something or someone, we also judge that very same quality within ourselves (albeit unconsciously). Our judgment shows us what aspects of ourselves we have not fully accepted and embraced. It points out our unhealed needs.

Imagine each one of us having several distinct personalities running around in our psyches. One minute we feel confident and strong; another we want to be held and reassured. One moment, feelings of compassion flow through us. At another, anger erupts all around. Every single emotion has a corresponding thought of personality attached to it. For example, when I feel fear, it's my four year old who is trying to get my attention. My anger stems from the "Red Queen," when she feels I may be threatened. She represents parts of me I haven't always appreciated—dominating, controlling, manipulating. My willingness to look at her from a different perspective showed me that she had some very useful strengths which could be used to help me in certain situations. Consequently, she and I work together instead of judging each other.

**LOOKING AT IMBALANCE**

In our culture, men are taught early on that in order to get ahead and be successful, one must be strong, logical, rational and unemotional. Power and control provide the keys to success. This dualistic system totally denies the value of men's feminine, intuitive nature, which becomes disowned, thrown into the closet away from the world. Playing the game of life, for many men in our culture, focuses on "one upmanship"—who has the control?

Men, who think they're holding the power, may actually be living a life of illusion. Ignoring their gentler, intuitive, more passive facets, they lack balance in their lives. Their power usually stems from aggression and dominance, rather than from wisdom and compassion.

If a man (or woman) perceives he (she) must be in control all the time, inner balance does not exist. Sooner or later, the suppressed passive nature will need to be expressed. Some people refer to this behavior as being submissive. It's a matter of semantics. The bottom line is this—if we don't acknowledge that other side of the coin, we will eventually experience some form of upset or discomfort. This, in turn, could lead to ill health.

**A MINI EXPLANATION OF DOMINANCE**

Dominance does not take place only in the sexual arena. It manifests itself in all areas of daily living: school, home, work and church, to name a few. A man, who runs his home according to his will, plays a dominant role. The wife, allowing this to happen, agrees to play a more passive (submissive) role in the household. It is a familiar and

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comfortable dance for many. What about the woman who "dominates" certain aspects of the relationship. She controls how the household will be run. Or, she may decide what behaviors are acceptable for her partner to express and which ones aren't. If he doesn't act according to her values, he may very well suffer the consequences. His innate fear of abandonment places him in the more passive, submissive role. I don't see anyone pointing fingers or raising their eyebrows over these issues.

When someone dominates another, an agreement (on some level) has been made. The submissive person agrees to be dominated. Because we always have free choice, we are never victims! Think about it.

If we find ourselves feeling miserable and unhappy, we have made choices which led up to this predicament. If we're upset with how someone treats us, we should get angry at ourselves, instead of at them. We helped to create the very situation we dislike! Look at your thoughts and choices. Most interpersonal interactions involve agreements of dominance/submission. The employee submits to the desires of the employer, the student to the teacher, the child to the parent, etc. In a given relationship between lovers, the power and control can be tossed back and forth between parties several times a day unknowingly. Who decides when to get up? Who decides when to eat? Who decides what to do? Who decides when to do it? It's part of everyday living.

## SEXUAL DOMINANCE

When dominance enters the arena of erotica and sexuality, cries of judgment scream out from our own fears and guilt! Sure, there are people who overstep boundaries and bring harm to others. That behavior is always unacceptable. Unfortunately, we see it occurring frequently in the form of wife battering, child abuse, rape, sexual abuse, etc. What I'm referring to in this short amount of space deals with two consenting adults. People who play in this area of their lives share the very same thing as everyone else: they are exploring another avenue to find their wholeness and balance.

Imagine the man who believes he must constantly be in control. His responsibilities at work require him to make decisions affecting his life and the lives of others. This carries over into his personal/social life as well. He has also been socially trained to assume the role of the aggressor, being the more dominant sexual partner. Women have historically allowed this to occur because of their own innate fears of asking for what they want sexually. Many women today feel insecure about letting their lovers know what they want for fear of bruising the male ego, or worse, they don't feel they have a right to have what they want. If they did, there would be more happily involved couples than ever before (that's another article).

If the man generally takes on the dominant role sexually in a relationship, it is guaranteed to become tedious for him. Where is the balance? When does he get to let go and completely relax, letting someone else take ever for awhile? To deny this other facet is to invite unhappiness. This also applies to the woman believing she must be in control all the time. If the two people genuinely care about one another, I would think each person would want to make his or her lover happy.

## APPROACHING THE TOPIC OF DOMINANCE WITHA PARTNER

How one approaches a partner or lover with the issue of sexual dominance is of extreme importance. I have seen two common problems within the crossdressing community regarding this issue. One deals with the man who suggests his partner take the dominant role sexually and she agrees to try it. She loves him and wants to make him happy. Even though she may be a bit nervous, she'll try it. This can be as subtle as having him be quiet and totally receive as she pleasures him, or it can be as overt as acting out a "scene" whereby she acts as a dominant wife or mistress. Many men, when given an inch, take a mile. Instead of moving into this new uncharted arena slowly and with sensitivity for their partners, they bulldoze their way into the bedroom by wanting more and more. They do not give the woman a chance to experience and integrate these newly discovered facets of herself. These very same men, professing their desire to be controlled, are in actuality, controlling that very same event! Women, like anyone else who enters into a new behavioral realm, require time, sensitivity, and patience from their partners.

The second problem stems from women's fierce and staunch determination to point the finger of judgment at men, instead of looking at their own fears. It is our very own fears that keep us locked within our self-imposed prisons. If more women would be willing to set aside their fears and insecurities and begin exploring the wild woman within them, they might find themselves in happier, longer lasting relationships. There is a fine line between a nagging, whining, manipulative bitch and a woman who knows how to get what she wants from her man by being brave and strong enough to not only ask for it, but to tell the man how she wants it.

Too many of us have moved through life, afraid to express ourselves and ask for what we want because of our fears of rejection. These fears develop from the judgments we place on ourselves about our "dark shadows." Some of us may not be ready to share this with anyone—that's perfectly okay. I invite people to acknowledge that part of them desiring to be dominated or to dominate without judging it. Another facet of who we are, it exists to serve us on some level. It's not good or bad. It's merely another aspect of the whole personality. Life is too short and precious to continue limiting ourselves and others because of social rules based on fear. We are entering a new realm of experience whereby each individual must decide what his or her own truth is—it is an individual choice for each of us. We have a wonderful opportunity here to look at ourselves from a new and more positive perspective. I'm certainly willing to bring my dark shadows to the light to see how they can serve me in a new and exciting way. What are you willing to do with yours?

# It's Time For Your Medicine

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

## A Restatement of the Theory Dealing with the Why and Wherefore of the Transgendered Person

When this column was first included in the *Tapestry* magazine, I devoted two issues to a discussion of why the transgendered person is as he or she is. In the second of these two articles, I gave strong indication of my belief that a genetic phenomenon is responsible for the transgendered person, whether that individual be a casual crossdresser or a true transsexual. Now, after several discussions of other health matters, I want to return to this discussion, for I think it is necessary to emphasized once again that the probability that we are as we are is because of an intrauterine incident and, in specific, an event in our genes while in early uterine development.

I pointed out that when gene mapping was finally applied to the transgendered, this premise would be substantiated. I still hold strongly to that view. I believe that it is also the reason for why gay and lesbian individuals exist. I think that the transgendered and homosexual populations of the world exist because of nature and not nurture. I believe that we exist in a world as a variation and not a deviation. In time, with more positive and accurate definition as to why we are, accomplished with gene probing, there will be more understanding and allowance by society. Prejudice and bias will never go away, but it could lessen, and more of the world will be accepting of us for being made this way in our prenatal days and not influenced this way in our early postnatal days.

Scarcely a week goes by that a newspaper article or a magazine doesn't report some breakthrough or discovery of a gene or a group of genes going astray as a mutation or a defective structure in one of our chromosomes. That kind of alteration is responsible for disease or impairments and tendencies to illness of many, many different kinds. For instance, we know that many hemolytic anemias are because of genetic defect. We know that diabetes is a recessive genetic disease. Muscular dystrophy, Huntington's chorea and Marfan's syndrome sound like exotic disorders, and in truth, while they are relatively uncommon, are known very distinctly to be gene defect diseases. Our knowledge about gene-induced disorders has become so sophisticated that we are aware of the fact that genes can become more defective with succeeding generations. Hence, a mild disorder in one individual can be severely serious in a third or fourth generation individual, for instance, in a great, great grandchild.

Several years ago, there was a report in the scientific journal, *Cell* describing the work done by Dr. David Page at the Whitehead Institute of Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They found in their mapping studies a gene that they thought was responsible for making a special substance or chemical at about six weeks of intrauterine life. They called this chemical testes-determining factor (TDF).

As you may know, up to this time, about six weeks after conception, the developing embryo is destined to be a female. The gonads and the brain formed to this stage are to be that of a genetic female and less influenced by some testosterone-like substance. That substance would be TDF. There are 46 chromosomes in normal genetic individuals. Two are the sex chromosomes, XX in the genetic female and XY in the genetic male. The gene that Dr. Page and his research group felt they had isolated was located on the Y chromosome of the genetically determined male. Surprisingly, they also found one on the X chromosome in the genetic females that they studied, but this was supposed to be non-active. (If it were active in producing TDF, this could then explain the F-M individual.)

When that gene on the Y chromosome is normal and functions as it should, a male individual results with all the characteristics and behavior of the genetic male. The genitalia are that of the normal male and the brain is masculinized and conforms to the external genitalia. It seems quite conceivable that if it is defective and malfunctions partially or completely, it could allow for male

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genital development but would not necessarily influence in the usual manner the male brain development. This would result in a transgendered person of varying degrees. We do not absolutely know this, but again, that conjecture is most tempting. Why should it not be so! Why is it not possible that a defective gene could be responsible for some alteration in the masculinizing hormone such that the genitalia forms normally. Following this, the brain is not so affected, or only partially so, resulting in female function and activity demonstrated to varying degrees in postnatal life.

We are learning of differences in certain structures of the brain in the gay male compared with the straight male. A connecting structure between the two hemispheres of the brain, the anterior commissure is significantly larger in the gay male individual as opposed to the straight male individual and is, remarkably, the same in size as the normal or non transgendered genetic female.

There is also recent study on certain nuclei in the hypothalamus, a part of the brain, in gay males that indicates that these are notably smaller and different than those found in the straight male.

In a recent study published in the medical literature, wherein a small number of transgendered individuals were evaluated by MRI studies, the authors indicated there was no difference between their brains and that of non transgendered males. This does not preclude the possibility of a genetic influence on the brain development of each transgendered person. There is every reason to believe that a different gene or gene mechanism may certainly have been involved while in utero.

The concept to be proven is that a genetic alteration can allow for development of appropriate genitalia matching the genetic chromosomal type, but does not influence the brain so as to be congruent with the anatomic development. Hence, a transgendered person results.

In a gay individual, the genitalia will match the chromosomal type, but the brain orientation does not. While that individual does not have a transgendered nature in most instances, their sexual orientation is the variable. Occasionally, transgendered individuals are homosexual or bisexual, implying one or several mutations are involved.

The Human Genome project is actively working toward the goal of complete human gene mapping, finding the location and activity at the rate of a gene a day is what this project is striving for. It is estimated that there are between 50,000 and 100,000 genes in a single human being, each with a specific function and precise structure and location on our chromosomes. Some defy for long periods of time researchers' abilities "to know" where and what they are, but our scientific techniques and knowledge based on past successes, make it distinctly possible to do this huge task quite completely and accurately.

To this date, approximately 2,600 genes have been mapped. Exponentially, about fifteen years of work remains to do the job of mapping the human being completely. However, we will then face another great task, that is, sequencing the chemical units that make up each gene. That could take a considerably longer time. It is very expensive and because the project is funded by the government, it could be delayed considerably at various times in the next several years.

There are strong arguments in the literature that the transgendered person is such because of environmental circumstances within the first two to three years of life, when core identity becomes well established. Core identity, in the non-transgendered person means that they know they are a male or a female and they have the correct chromosomal type and the genitalia to correspond. In the transgendered individual, there is a discordance or non congruity such that the individual has genitalia that corresponds to their chromosomes, but their thinking is such that they believe themselves to be of the opposite gender to some degree, and their behavior and function demonstrates that.

Environmentalists would have us believe that this is all brought about in that early time of life where core identity is being established by a wide variety of influences. They point to family situations where there is a detached or absent father, a dominant mother, or the influence of a sibling or another relative who can bring to bear an influence such that the young individual becomes transgendered.

There are a few writers who straddle the fence and believe that the substrate may create an atmosphere for an individual who will have environmental influence to cause them to become transgendered. This certainly satisfies both schools of thought, but I think it's not reasonable to hold that position. We will find that we are as we are not because we wish to be, not because we have selected that attitude or that mode of behavior, not because it has been imposed upon us by any other individual in our early lives, but rather because of some strange roll of the genetic dice.

When this puzzle is finally solved by gene probing and mapping, perhaps the entire world will be much more comfortable with the gay and the transgendered individual.


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# Legal Briefs

## Anti-Discrimination Law Project

by Helen Cassidy

*(The following is a transcription made during the first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. For a complete copy of all transcripts in the areas of military, housing, insurance, civil commitment, employment, health, criminal, anti-discrimination and family law plus the meal-time comments of four judges and the conference organizer plus the winning paper from an endowed competition and a draft of an employer's handbook, order the proceedings at $40.00 U.S. and $45.00 outside U.S. from Attorney Frye, 5707 Firenza, Houston, TX 77035-5515.)*

My button for today reads: "Get an attitude." That is really my message for today. I am a loud mouth, opinionated, middle class, middle-aged white female who grew up in a little bitty piss ant Texas town. A lot of people think I am crazy. Some of you who have heard me rant and rave may also think I am crazy. I never really stopped to wonder why I am not like other people. What I spend a lot of time wondering is why more people are not like me. It is an attitude that I highly recommend. It has kept me sane for almost fifty-two years. It is the attitude that brought me to this conference. I am so glad that it did.

It has been a real and sincere privilege to be here. This is an historic event and all of you, I promise, will look on it with great pride and realize the privilege it's been. Let me tell you two little stories of my own.

Twenty years ago I met with a small group of women, and we had a dream. We wanted to start an organization to promote feminine candidates for political office. Out of that meeting in March of 1972 was the first convention of the Texas Women's Political Caucus. I was privileged to be elected first chair of that caucus. In the twenty years of its existence, it's had phenomenal success. We've elected many feminist people, male and female, to office in this city and in this state. I am so proud and so privileged to have been in that first small meeting, planning that first convention.

Nineteen years ago, four of us were sitting around in a motel room in San Antonio, Texas, because we were there for the state Democratic Convention. We were drinking beer and laughing and talking as folks will do in a slumber party situation. Suddenly, one of the women in the room began to speak about her rape, that had occurred a few years prior. We were astounded not by the shame and degradation she had experienced at the hands of the rapist, but we were astounded to hear her bitterly complain about how she had been treated by the police and medical technicians after her rape. She ended by saying, "It cost me $100.00 to get raped." Now we were all involved, concerned feminists, but we did not know that in Texas at that time if you got raped you had to pay to gather your own evidence at your medical exam of that rape. A year later, we had a bill passed through the legislature of the state of Texas that required governmental units to pay for gathering of evidence with the medical exam after a rape. We also, a year after that, had developed a medical evidence kit for rape victims and began distributing it all over this state to hospital emergency rooms. I am so privileged to have been in that motel room in San Antonio some nineteen years ago on a hot August day.

So believe me, all of you are going to look back at this conference that way and realize what a real privilege it is to be at the beginning of something that is really important. The intelligence, the commitment and the energy in this room can change the future. I believe it will change the future, and I believe it's going to be changed because all of you met together in August of 1992 in Houston. Every revolution starts with an idea, but it is not going to be easy. There is a very, very, long way to go.

The committee I moderated was entitled Anti-discrimination Law, and here let me offer a disclaimer. We talked, we chatted, we shared experiences and probably because of my moderation, it wasn't all that organized. So the opinions I express today I take full responsibility for. I don't think everyone in that meeting is as crazy as I am. Because it was the big tent committee, a lot of things I have to say will be of necessity, repetitious. So, please forgive me for that repetition.

Let me give you our condensed report, and I think all the committee members will agree on this. As to the

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anti-discrimination law affecting transgender, there ain't much there. With few exceptions, people may discriminate with impunity against persons who are transgendered. And that is the way it is across the board in all areas applied.

Now the United States, other foreign countries and most states of the United States promise, nearly all of them in their Constitution, equal protection under the law. They promise it, but they don't deliver it—not in the areas certainly of gender identification as well as in other areas, sexual orientation, and large measures to just the area of plain old sex, male/female discrimination. The United States Title VII promises freedom from employment discrimination, but it excludes gender identification and sexual orientation from its coverage.

As some of you may know, sex is included in Title VII as a result of a joke. When it was being introduced in the Senate, in order to show how foolish it was to pass this piece of legislation, one senator said, "Well let's just add sex too, ha, ha ha!" Fortunately, we have been laughing all the way to the courts since 1964 when they passed that.

With 80% of our federal judges in this country now appointed by Presidents Reagan and Bush, and with the Neanderthal Supreme Court, you're not going to get a court interpretation that says that sex also includes gender identification. Simply don't hold your breath for that. But we need to keep insisting that it should be that way.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, of course, as you know, in the most insulting way possible excluded transgenderals. My committee discussed whether indeed transgenderals had even cared that they are excluded except for the incredibly insulting way in which they were.

You are going to be, because you are writing basically on a blank slate, spelling your own names and writing your own identity and you need to ask yourself whether part of that identity includes disability, or perhaps you only wanted to be a perceived disability. Perhaps you don't want the disability notion there at all. I think that is an issue that has to be thought through and discussed in the years to come. Is this perceived disability to be part of the definition that you write because you've got to insist on spelling your own name and not letting anyone else do it for you?

Well, let us look at the few bright spots in the lawn. You have heard about them from a number of other people, so I'll go over them very quickly. My choice for personal best law is the city of Santa Cruz. It prohibits discrimination, not only on the basis of sex, gender and sexual orientation, but it also includes height, weight and personal appearance. By golly, we shouldn't forget those last three when we are drafting laws. Gender is given the same definition as sex in the definition section and includes transgendered individuals. It is simply quite the best one around.

Now, Seattle has a fair employment practices ordinance and a housing practice ordinance. Both prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual orientation, and sexual orientation in the definition section includes transgenderism and transvestism. The government of Ontario prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and sexual orientation and contains disability protection—the strategy there, of course, is to attempt inclusion. Denver's non-discrimination ordinance lists gender as a protected class and is applied to transgenderals. The cities of Boulder and Afton also protect on the basis of sex and sexual orientation. New York City had an executive order promulgated by Mayor Koch that protected, as the city contractors could not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. The New York court held that that includes transgendered people. Now obviously, that is pretty much a wrap up along with the other things you have heard today in the area of non-discrimination. We have a very long way to go, but some things are happening.

I want to share with you a cartoon that appeared this week in the *Houston Press,* which is sort of our Maverick weekly tabloid here in Houston, Texas. It shows George Bush at the podium, obviously speaking to the throngs. He says, "I come to you this evening as a candidate of change. I changed my position on abortion, taxes, Iraq and campaign sleeze. I would change my sex if I thought it would help get me elected." The next frame shows a political analyst going, "Pst, pst, pst." The last frame shows George in full drag saying, "I come to you this evening as a candidate of change." Now let me tell you when you finally make it to the political cartoons, you are at least getting recognition and it is becoming. Take it where you can get it. They are beginning to learn there is a transgendered community out there.

Now how do we get to where we want to go? Well, I got another button. It has an equals sign and underneath it, it says, "Me too." Now, I suggest to you that every time you see an equals sign, you think, "Me too." Insist and never abandon the argument that transgenderals are covered under the equal protection clauses of various constitutions. Simply never abandon that philosophy. Always insist, "Me too."

Secondly, continue to insist that transgenderals are already covered under anti-discrimination laws under sex, gender, or sexual orientation. Argue all of them. Try to make those laws extend to cover you under those definitions.

Thirdly, attempt to amend existing laws to include gender identification. Preferably, list it right up front. But if it won't work, work it in under the definition as Marla was talking about. Where there are not yet laws in place, and that is virtually everywhere, draft and present them in your city, your state, your nation. Ask to be included. Plead to be included and then kick and scream and demand to be included if that is what it takes.

Last, I would say, keep your eyes on the target. It's so hard to do in every civil rights movement. You get off

# Roger's Notebook

by Roger Peo Ph D

## *Iron John* & the Men's Movement (# 66 - 68)

As a therapist, I work with clients who are struggling with gender issues, so it is important to have many ways of interpreting the social patterns we call masculinity and femininity. In the last column *(#65)*, I mentioned the current men's movement and speculated on what it might say to the people of the transgender community and what the community could say to them. The next few columns will expand on that and other related themes.

One of the better known books in the men's movement is *Iron John* by Robert Bly. In this column I set the stage for future columns with a "book review" on *Iron John*. I am only extracting ideas that seem pertinent to the transgender community, not everything the author has to say.

First, a bit about Robert Bly. He is a poet, storyteller, lecturer and translator. Though the book jacket does not say it, I would call him a theorist and thinker. I guess that he is presently in his 60s. His writing style is complex because he draws on his knowledge of gods and goddesses from Greek and Roman cultures, and expects the reader to have equal familiarity with them.

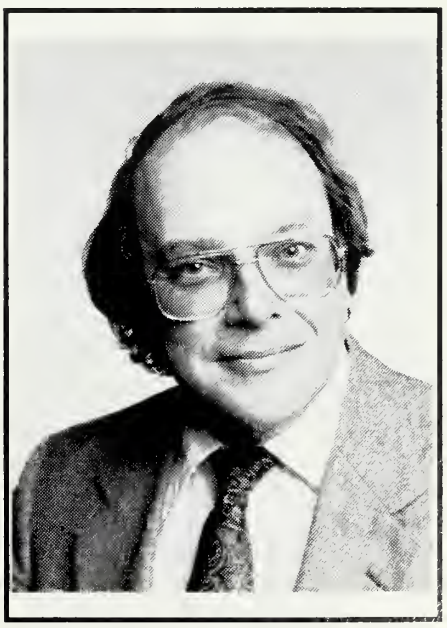
The original story about Iron John is found in a fairy tale recorded by the Grimm brothers in the early 1820s. Bly uses this story as a framework for his book. He expands his ideas by drawing on mythology from many cultures and interleaves these stories with the tale of Iron John. He asserts that myths and legends were the way people organized their understanding of their culture. Bly says these stories provide a pattern for passage through the various early stages of life. The main theme of the book is that we, as a culture, have lost touch with and/or rejected our ancient heritage. Without the "maps" provided by the myths we get "stuck" at some stage and feel much pain as a result. As I read this book, I was reminded of an earlier book, *Passages*, by Gail Sheehy, who also describes stages of individual development. The difference is that Bly focuses on early development through adolescence, while Sheehy describes stages in adulthood.

Bly believes that following the mythological patterns provides a *guided* passage through the critical early and adolescent stages of life. These culminated in the adulthood passage rites which provide a formal transition to the adult world. His book describes only the male growth and life stages. While Bly believes that women have similar stages, he does not write about them because he feels that a man cannot adequately experience or understand the woman's experience.

One point that Bly makes over and over is that in our culture, older men no longer provide guidance or initiation "rites" for the young male. He traces this change to the Industrial Revolution. During this transition the close relationship between the father and son, found in a farming environment, was dissolved. The father left for the factory and the son no longer knew what his father did or how he acted. This social and economic separation of the father and son left the son without a model. It also left him without an initiation path into manhood. More importantly, it deprived him of a way to break the ties to his mother. Bly argues that without this break, the boy never matures into a man.

For those who are interested, I highly recommend *Iron John* as a way to gain perspective on masculinity and its relationship to femininity.

What does a book about men have to say to the transgendered community? It is a truism that among other things, our society is divided into "men" and "women." Neither our language nor our social patterns allow for any behavior in-between. You are either a man or a woman—there are no other choices. In some ways the story of Iron John perpetuates these divisions. Bly looks at the traditional, age-old process by which a boy becomes a man. He speculates that our society has changed radically in the last 100 years. With that change has come a significant change in the rearing of young boys—more specifically, they no longer have the guidance of men in this process. The result is a loss in understanding what being male is all about. It has been replaced with an empty macho posturing.



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Let me base my following remarks on the premise that there are *significant* differences between men and women. Some of these are biological and some are sociological. Which is which is immaterial. One of Bly's theses is that the boy who grows without connection to the masculine image grows up incomplete. The "hole" is "filled with demons who tell him that his father's work is evil and that the father is evil." (Page 21) It seems to me that such perceptions can be extended to all men and masculinity. If one hates the masculine and one is male, then one course is to reject masculinity and embrace femininity. Couple this with the fact that most boys are raised by their mothers. Again, quoting Bly: "If the son learns feeling primarily from the mother, then he will probably see his own masculinity from the feminine point of view as well. He may be fascinated with it, but he will be afraid of it. ... He may admire it but he will never feel at home with it." (Page 25) Is this a sub-conscious perception of cross-dressers?

Sociologists observe that many boys are brought up in a predominantly feminine environment. Their fathers may be distant, uninvolved or workaholics. Teachers in grammar schools are predominantly women. Male role models are unreal images in television and movies. I do not mean to lay these situations at the feet of mothers, for they do an admirable job. The fathers are simply not providing the examples that are needed.

As a therapist, one of the things I observe is the dislike of the masculine role by the male-to-female cross-dresser. There is little that is good about it, just responsibility and restrictions. (As an aside, most women don't picture the masculine role that way.) I wonder if cross-dressers are caught in a never-never land. If they do not know, understand or accept their innate masculinity and see femininity from a flawed masculine perspective, then they have little to anchor them. Most learn to "play the game" to survive, but there is little joy in that.

Am I suggesting that learning about masculinity will somehow rid one of the desire to cross-dress? Far from it. However, if a person hates that which is his core, then everything else loses something, including cross-dressing. I believe that exploring femininity cannot truly occur unless the masculine side is also evaluated, explored and understood.

I have reviewed Robert Bly's book *Iron John* and speculated that unexplored or rejected masculinity can block any real understanding of natural femininity. This understanding seems important to many M-to-F transgendered people.

Fortunately or unfortunately, any attempts to define masculinity in meaningful ways is nearly impossible. The media are not much help. Men are usually pictured as either buffoons or aggressively macho Rambo-types. Neither description fits the masculine world that most men experience.

Some of the adjectives used to describe men might be assertive, intelligent, unemotional, strong, capable, rugged, silent and single-minded. With the exception of unemotional, many men I know would probably not use many of the other words to describe themselves.

Similar difficulties arise when trying to describe men's relationships and activities. Son, brother, father, husband, good with mechanical things, good in mathematics and science, good at sports, not artistic, knowledgeable about sexuality, protector and wage-earner may come to mind. Many men would not be comfortable with this list.

So it is difficult to come up with a list of words or phrases that clearly describes what it means to be masculine. To paraphrase a Supreme Court justice: "I can't define masculinity, but I know it when I see it!" The *state* of being masculine is a complex biological and social situation that is unique for each individual, even though the person may share some of these characteristics with other people.

If it so hard to describe masculinity, then how can it be explored or accepted? If one insists on having labels with which to make this exploration, then there is probably no hope. However, the journey is really an inward one rather than an attempt to match any given set of words or social roles. In the end, each person is an individual, a human being. Because of this uniqueness, there is no one way of being masculine. Each of us has strengths and weaknesses. Most men are socialized to look at their strengths and ignore or deny any weaknesses they have. This denial can lead to an "armoring" that shuts off all contact with inner feelings.

How does this tie into what Robert Bly writes about? How does this apply to you, the cross-dresser? Why should understanding your masculine aspects be useful? Bly believes that lack of "connectedness" to the inner core of masculinity that all men possess, leaves the man incomplete. His approach to regaining this lost element is the use of mythology as the guide for this exploration. Many traditional therapy approaches are directed toward uncovering repressed feelings that indirectly influence daily life and emotions. It seems that some transgendered people have repressed a central part of their identity. I think that by accepting the masculinity that you have, you will free up an incredible amount of energy. Learning to accept ourselves, "warts and all," is an incredibly liberating experience. Using the strengths of your masculinity to explore your femininity is better than having these two parts continually in combat. It is not a case of either/or, but really of both. Rejecting one part leads to alienation and loss of the other part.

# Electrology

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trained and licensed esthetician. Clinical treatments in stronger concentrations applied to the skin (face) should be monitored by a watchful eye and digital timer for a minute or two.

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surreptitiously granted a modicum of freedom to express themselves in public, and many did. There is a great deal of historical documentation of females who dressed as men and went to war, or went to sea, or became buccaneers. Quite a few of them even became saints. For instance, Saint Uncumber was a woman who cross-dressed to escape her husband. She became the patron saint of women trying to dump their husbands. One of my favorites was Pope Joan, a woman who impersonated a man, rose up through the ranks, and became Pope John Anglicus. Unfortunately, Pope Joan did something no Pope should do. She got pregnant. Her son became Pope Adrian III.

Males were not so fortunate. They were victims of their own superiority complex, and were locked into an insufferable chauvinistic code of chivalry. It was unthinkable that a male would degrade himself or other men by impersonating a female. Freedom of expression was forbidden,but at least male supremacy was secured by tradition. A social and sexual caste system was secured by tradition. Respect and success was defined by one's power and wealth, especially power and wealth achieved through aggression and conquest. Male effeminacy was simply not tolerable. Human equality was an inconceivable concept. As a result of these attitudes, they could, and did, destroy the male cross-dressers they could catch. The only freedom male cross-dressers were allowed was to play female roles on stage (since females were not allowed on stage), and during select festivals, but only if they didn't pass. Under these extremely repressive conditions it is little wonder that there is no record of any male cross-dresser who did anything notable, and certainly, none ever made saint.

When the Dark Ages began to give way to the Age of Enlightenment, the citadels of male supremacy came under fire. Tradition was no longer good enough to guarantee male dominance. The idea that women belonged to men, and men belonged to the king was no longer good enough. Since they had no temples (monasteries didn't count) to keep women out of, or priests who had the power to use God to condemn thinking or the quest for freedom, men had to turn to the power of aggression in order to maintain their supremacy. As long as they had the power to inflict fear, the question of who or what was right or wrong was moot. Proving one's manhood (John Milton referred to it as asshood) became a way of life. Men became hard drinking, ill mannered and violent, especially towards their wives and weaker males. Sexual promiscuity (aggressive, not passive) became a revered quality. I said aggressive, not passive. At that time, homosexual behavior was not a problem. It wasn't even an issue. It was perfectly OK for a male to engage in homosexual sex, so long as he was the one on top. It was not unusual for a man to walk down the street with his whore on one arm and catamite (young male whore) on the other. Sex, sex, sex, sex. European society became dominated by it. A man wasn't a man unless he was a sexually promiscuous rake.

It was just this macho attitude, preoccupation with sex, and intolerance for passive behavior that motivated the European conquerors to massacre the Native American berdache. The word *Berdache* is European, not Native American. It is a word derived from a Persian word meaning 'whore.' The European invaders could not conceive of males being submissive, or lodge keepers, or holy people. Since they were so dominated by sex themselves, they could not conceive of sex being less important than spirit. So, they took these Native American healers, and teachers, and spiritual leaders, called them whores, labeled them abominations, and fed them to the dogs...literally. I ask you again. Who were the real abominations?

By the 19th century both women and cross-dressers had developed a strategy. Since women had little actual power, they used their spheres of influence, the arts, the home, as teachers, and especially as the upholders of morality. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" was not just a cute saying. Cross-dressers also became active in the arts, but most importantly, they formed clubs. Perhaps the most famous of these early clubs was the Molly Club (the organization that gave rise to the word *mollycoddle*, and influenced the popularity of the name *Mary* among gays).

Throughout the 19th and into the 20th century, both women and cross-dressers exerted their power, and the traditional bastions of male supremacy began to crumble. However, those bastions are still there, constantly being rebuilt with the mortar of male chauvinism, hate, fear, intolerance, and ignorance. But, no matter how hard they work, the masons of bigotry will not keep up. People are beginning to realize the old ways do not work. They are beginning to realize all people have a right to be happy, to live in harmony with their neighbors free from fear, and to be in balance with themselves and with God. They are beginning to realize that it is to everyone's advantage to give everyone an equal opportunity to be the best that they can be, regardless of their sex, their sexual preference, mode of dress, or any other irrelevant criteria. People are beginning to realize that no one is free until everyone is free, and no one will be free until our institutionalized hang-ups become nothing more than an ugly memory.

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into so many side issues. We all know in this movement, like the feminist movement, they want to talk about our clothing and bathrooms. Always. Some twenty-something years ago, when I started speaking out on women's rights, it was considered a real novelty to see that a female was talking about rights. Invariably, when I went out to speak, they wanted to know about my underwear. "Do you burn your bra?" I would always say, "No, it is the only support I have." Then the next thing they wanted to know was about the bathroom. Answer that chump, come up with something quick and get on to what we're really concerned about. Those are nothing but side issues to get you off talking about underwear. I used to say, "Every time I want to talk about basic human rights, you people want to talk about underwear. Who has got a problem here?" Just say it and get on with it, and insist about talking about what you want to talk about.

Now, how do you implement these strategies? Educate others. First of all, I like to think that I am an open-minded, fair-minded individual. I said that to one of my best friends this morning, and he said, "Helen, you are open-minded to the most weird philosophies in the world, but you are the most closed-minded human in the world about ignorance." I said, "Well, ignorance is one thing; willful ignorance is a by-God sin." That is so true. In 1971, I went down to the City Council, the City of Houston, and proposed a Human Rights Ordinance, the first one that was ever proposed. I proudly included a whole checklist of covered areas. I included sex of course, I included sexual orientation, but it never occurred to me to include gender identification. That was simple ignorance. We have to understand that ignorance is not malice. It is willful ignorance that amounts to malice and you just don't put up with it.

Secondly, you need to reach out. Judge Andel talked the other day about building bridges—the sense of bright people going ahead and smoothing the path for people who fall behind. Well, I call the same thing, "Kicking down the doors." I am simply not as kind and gentle as Judge Andel. You can't kick down those doors all alone. So, when I talk about building bridges, I am talking about building them to other groups of people who can share and understand your concerns, and then they can help you knock those doors off the hinges. Now, some groups, I think, are naturals. I, of course, believe that feminist groups are natural.

Join those groups, participate in those groups. All of you, whether male-to-female or female-to-male, have a vested interest in ridding our culture of sexism. Sexism is a serious social disease. It hurts every one of us and we've got to eradicate it.

You can succeed in getting feminist support for your efforts. I am a staunch feminist and I confess I really do not understand gender dysphoria. You know, that simply doesn't matter. I do not have to understand it. The only thing I need to understand is that people are discriminated against and oppressed because they suffer from that. Discrimination is wrong, and I have always understood that, and that is a message anyone with any kind of heart and concern should be able to understand. I think that if you take that message out, you can get support.

Reach out to these feminist groups in your community. You may not be welcomed at first. Too bad! Crash the party. Go on anyway. I'll say the same thing about gay and lesbian groups and minority groups in your community. You won't necessarily be welcomed there either, but go. Most good activists know that bigotry always wears the same mask. They may dress a little bit different, but the face behind bigotry is always the same. Some wear designer clothes like these people we saw these past two weeks in Houston's Republican Convention, and others wear plain white sheets. I assure you, the bigotry there is the same. Gays, lesbians, feminists, racial, ethnic minority groups need to be sensitized and educated to your needs and to the oppression you suffer in this culture. Offer to speak to those groups. Join in and participate in your political party. Make your few voices seem like many.

Listen, politics is all smoke and mirrors anyway. Look at the religious right in this country, for instance. They have managed to appear like a vast army instead of the small, rag tag band of Bible toting bigots that they really are. Use the same smoke and mirrors that they use.

At one point in the city we had fifty members in the National Organization for Women. I was president of that organization back in 1970, 1971 and into 1972. I just wouldn't leave. We only had fifty members and politicians in this city thought there were jillions of us. I got phone calls from Fred Hofheinz when he first ran for mayor and said how he had made a really sexist comment on TV. Someone had said, "How does your wife feel about your running for mayor?" Well, who cares how his wife feels about it, quite frankly. Fred responded by grabbing the microphone from his wife and saying, "My wife supports me and stands behind me in all that I do." Within a week he received 200 barefoot and pregnant awards which the National Organization for Women had sold. We only had fifty members, but we sold a lot of awards. His phone were ringing off the hook, so he calls me and says, "Could you please stop your members from sending these barefoot and pregnant awards." I said, "God, it is a large organization, they are all very independent people, and I simply can't control them." No way in hell did I say, "We only have fifty members—what are you talking here?" I was so excited to find out there were 200.

It doesn't hurt to exaggerate either. I always used to say, "How many members do you have in Houston now?" I said 500 when we had 50. Soon we had 500. So, here I'd say, "Don't make me a liar, pay your dues, let's get more people." It doesn't hurt to use those little smoking mirrors.

Now, education. The other thing you need to do, you need to educate yourself. You need to research your

local your state and your national laws. You need to go out and learn who your political representatives are. You need to raise your issues with those representatives. You need to vote. You need to cast informed votes. Find out how those candidates are going to address your issues. Inform yourself on the issues affecting other oppressed groups. Read the history of other civil rights struggles. Learn from their mistakes. Learn from their successes. There are so many parallels in every group that is organized to demand rights for that group,

Now, I say it again. You have a very long way to go. It won't be easy. Back in 1848, a group of feminists meeting in Seneca Falls recognized the difficulties they would face. Listen to part of their declaration of women's rights. "In entering upon the great work before us we anticipate no small amount of misconception, misrepresentation and ridicule. We shall use every instrumentality within our power to effect our rights."

I say in conclusion, keep your heads high, keep your chins up, but don't ever let down your guard. Failure is not only impossible, as Susan B. Anthony said, but it is unthinkable. Victor Hugo once said, "More powerful than 1,000 armies is an idea whose time has come."

The idea of equality under the law is plain old pregnant and overdue. Those of us who believe in human dignity, in human equality simply should intend to deliver. That is the attitude I hope all of you can leave here with. Thank you!


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## ON BEING IN A MINORITY

Dear Editor:

As a member of various crossdressers' support groups, I have found peers to relate to, but WE are all a minority.

I had my problems as a teenager, but my membership in an "out-group"—or several—was more obvious in the U S Army. I was both educated and literate, so automatically in a minority. I liked classical music, making it a triple whammy.

Overseas, in China, I was one of five Americans thirty miles from the nearest other US troops, with a hundred thousand Chinese in between. One got used to being stared at, laughed at (often an embarrassed laugh, but they were looking at me as they did so), and for one short time, I was in a truck being rocked by a mob outside (in Shanghai, after VJ Day), an experience which scared me more than many dangerous situations.

A few years later I was a dark-haired visitor in a community which seemed to be all blondes and redheads, again the subject of turned heads and furtive conversations; in North America I had again found myself in a minority, like a black man walking down the street in a lily-white suburb. I noticed it, but my skin was thicker.

So, some ten years ago, when I found the Tiffany Club, I was happy to have people to talk to, but I found my first forays in public not very scary; I'd been the object of attention before.

As I became more skillful in putting together a believable persona, the attention decreased. Nowadays, nobody gives me a second glance. Maybe they can tell who I really am, but they don't care. However, I can never forget, even when fully immersed in "method-acting" in my character as a woman, that I and we all are a VERY small minority. One TV's vendor claims to have 50,000 names on his mailing list. IFGE knows of 8 or 9 thousand, but in a hundred million males, that is not a large percentage. We are big enough to be a scapegoat, but not large enough to have political clout by ourselves.

So when joint action with other minority groups is proposed, I am in favor of it. I'm not gay, but I'm anti-anti-gay. I have known sadists, masochists, rubber freaks and Communists, and found that they were often nice companions and good friends, except for the fact that they and I differed in our idiosyncracies. I don't think that they or I should have special preference, but I also do not feel that I should be refused service in a public restaurant or ejected from an apartment or a hotel room should they discover I am a crossdresser. They can through me out for causing a disturbance, as they can anyone, but not for what I am.

Sincerely,

*Holly Cross,*
Wayland, MA

## ONE WIFE'S VIEW

Dear Editor:

Relationships: traditionally the primary focus of a woman's life. Times have changed, but for this woman, my relationships—chiefly my marriage—are, indeed, primary to me. Naturally, as with most women of the 90's (70's and 80's, too), there are myriad priorities near the top of my list, all vying for my attention. Children, career, personal growth, spiritual development, travel—all are "right up there."

There are those who believe that if I nurture, protect and develop my primary relationship, the rest of my life will fall into place. This is an idyllic thought. I'd like to believe it's true! Certainly, treating my marriage with tenderness and care will increase the beauty, joy, fulfillment and pleasure of my life. Those around me will also benefit from the harmony created and the ensuing peace of mind I will carry with me.

The point of this commentary? I'd like to encourage those of you who like to "act" female to examine your own priorities in life and determine just where relationships fall. We're all aware of how far down on a MAN's list of priorities this topic often ends up.

Beginning with the women's movement, there seemed to be a trend among the men in our lives to raise the status of relationships, especially those with their children. I believe, without question, that one of the ways in which we may save this planet from annihilation is by pulling the big R—relationships—up to the very TOP of our lists.

Those of you who truly want to be "like women," take a look at this area of your lives. Learn from women: relationships (with spouse or lover, children, co-workers, friends, yes, even ENEMIES, not that women have learned that yet!) need to be at the very top of your lists! Try this and see what happens in your life. You may discover new levels of happiness, enlightenment and joy. Now, wouldn't that be nice?!

By the way, if you live in the Boston area, join us on the first and third Mondays of each month for a COUPLES SUPPORT GROUP at the IFGE office in Waltham. Why not see what this kind of sharing can do for you and your partner? We gather from 7:30 to 10:00pm.

Sincerely,

*Clyde*

## GROUP FOR LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS

Dear Editor:

In 1990, I was invited to be on one of the panels at the Coming Together - Working Together convention in Natick, Massachusetts. I am the mother of a daughter who has followed her nature to become a woman.

After my presentation, and during the rest of the day and evening, several people came to my daughter and wanted me to talk with their mothers. That is now possible.

I am leading a support group for families and friends of transgendered persons. This group meets at the IFGE office, 123 Moody Street, Waltham, Massachusetts every Wednesday evening from 7:30 - 9:00pm in the class room. For additional information, call 617-894-8340.

I have a Master's Degree in Expressive Therapies from Lesley College, Cambridge, Massachusetts and am a member of Expressive Therapists/ New England.

I would enjoy meeting and talking with your family members and friends.

Sincerely,

*Marie Mann*

## SOME WELCOME THANKS

Dear IFGE:

The convention in Philadelphia was wonderful and I can't say enough for all the professional work done by the IFGE staff. They were terrific! Things went so smoothly that one couldn't help but realize that this event was professional in all ways.

I also appreciate the Virginia Prince Award. I was truly impressed with the ceremony and the way that I was treated! It was shear heaven. The excellent preparation of the events that evening made the evening a most successful one. The staff of IFGE is certainly made up of extremely capable individuals.

Sincerely yours,

*Carol Beecroft,*
Executive Director,
Society for the Second Self

Dear IFGE:

I must tell you how impressed I was with the convention in Philadelphia. Certainly it was well organized and from what I could see moved along smoothly and efficiently. I was particularly happy to see how all those with whatever their particular gender identity might be working together comfortably and with a renewed sense of cooperation. This I have hoped might happen, and I trust that this is merely the beginning of future efforts to work together.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

*Canon Clinton R. Jones,*
Coordinator,
Gender Identity Clinic of New England, Inc.

## PORTLAND 1994

Dear Editor:

Re: Merissa Sherrill Lynn's editorial in issue #63.

The rest room dilemma is real in some instances, but is usually an excuse for other reasons. The sales manager at one of the hotels where this issue was expressed was given the names of two hotels in the same chain in other cities where there had been two successful IFGE conventions. He evidently did not consider them very good inputs because he is homophobic. So he quoted a room price that was too high and would not negotiate. (This affected the price of two of the hotels that are in the same chain.) The other hotel was too small and too noisy, being next to the Portland airport.

So, only three hotels were approached, and they were not in the downtown core area of Portland. They would not have been a good location for the convention anyway. But, due to time constraints, Merissa had to leave Portland too soon. It appeared that maybe Portland would not host the convention.

Two dedicated Portland people from the Northwest Gender Alliance (NWGA) continued to search Portland for a suitable hotel to hold the convention. They found two in downtown Portland. Both hotels had adequate space for sleeping rooms and convention space, and the price of each was acceptable. These two hotels expressed no concern with that age-old problem of the rest rooms. (One of the hotels did not have space available when Merissa first checked with the city convention bureau before she came to Portland, so Merissa did not approach it during her visit.)

After the two Portland people visited both hotels (being treated like royalty at one, with a fabulous lunch in the International Restaurant and a grand tour of the hotel), all the information was sent to the hotel selection committee at IFGE, along with a recommendation.

The Hilton was finally selected to be the host hotel. When the contract was accepted and signed by Merissa, the sales manager of the Hilton, Sunnie, invited the two dedicated people from Portland who persisted had in finding a suitable hotel to dinner at the posh Alexander's Restaurant on the top floor to celebrate the signing of the convention contract. There they met the very hospitable dining room host, Joseph. They also met more of the sales staff (one of whom was very impressed by the feminine demeanor of the two Portland people and said so), and restaurant personnel. Sunnie, the sales manager who was hosting the celebration, even directed the Portland people to the women's rest room when the need arose. She validated their parking ticket for the hotel garage, too! She plans on a social, informative meeting with the NWGA in the hotel to talk to the members who will be working the convention.

Sunnie checked with the other Hilton Hotels where IFGE has held conventions and got nothing but very good reports on their hosting of these events. So, Sunnie and the rest of the staff at the Hilton are really looking forward to hosting the 1994 IFGE Coming Together Convention in Portland, Oregon.

Because of the positive actions by the current Chief of Police, Portland is a very accepting city for alternative lifestyles. The Chief has visited and had dinner with NWGA during one of their meetings. A very successful evening.

So, come to Portland March 12th to the 20th in 1994 for the Coming Together - Working Together convention. There will be skiing on Mt. Hood for those who can come early, maybe an all day trip to the Oregon coast, many fine restaurants, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, historical tours, and much more.

Sincerely,

*Roni Lang*
Oregon

## TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

Dear Editor:

Please accept this letter as your authorization to remove my Personal Listing from the next and all future issues of the TV/TS *Tapestry*. I wish to remain a member of IFGE and to continue my subscription to this fine publication. However, I have received well over 200 cards, gifts, letters, invitations, etc. in the past year or so, and each day the postman brings more of the same. I have been completely overwhelmed by all the mail I've received from my listing, and just can no longer respond as I once did.

I really feel that it is not fair for me to leave my Personal Listing in *Tapestry* if I can't write back to those who write to me expecting at the very least a card or a letter in return.

For those who have written me asking for medical or psychological advice, please understand that I am not a doctor or a psychologist, and you should not ask anyone for such advice from a Personal Listing in a magazine! I would much rather give out no advice than the wrong advice, and what has worked for me may not be right for you, or anyone else who may read such advice.

For those of you who have sent me gifts, first, may I say, "Thank you very much!" I have received flowers, clothes, money, cards, makeup, beautiful dolls, and jewelry, etc. But, the truth is, as much as I love to receive gifts, I don't feel very comfortable about it. I do have someone very special in my life at the moment, and he also has a hard time accepting that his girlfriend gets gifts from people she doesn't know through the mail service because of a Personal Listing. Just put yourself in my shoes for a moment and you will understand why I think it's best if I request that no one send any other gifts.

To anyone who has sent me a letter and didn't get one back, I am very sorry. It seemed like almost everyone wrote a 10-15 page letter. Many people

detailed their life history, sent photos of themselves, and probably told me things that they'd never told anyone else.

Although I didn't write you, I read every letter that I received, and many of your stories are similar. Every time I read one of your letters I learned a little more about myself and others like us. The letters and cards for the most part I've saved. Sometimes I will pick up a few and read them over again, so many are from the heart.

To anyone who has sent me anything. Those things were from you to me, and I would never give out anyone's name or address, phone number, etc. Rest assured I believe in and respect privacy. I hope everyone with a Personal Listing feels the same as I do about this.

The past several years have been very difficult for me, but I have grown so much from my experiences. I have many friends in the South Florida area, both TV and TS, and I am proud to be a member of the gender community. I am a member of both the Eden Society and the Serenity Group in South Florida.

To anyone who has sent me a letter, thank you. I do care about you very much!

Your friend,

Janessa Delite
Florida

## WHY I DON'T ANSWER ALL LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter in issue #63 concerning writing a note of thanks when receiving a response to a Personal Listing. I think TJ needs to understand the viewpoint of the person receiving the letter.

I have grown cautious about which letters I respond to when I receive them. For almost five years I had a listing in *Tapestry*, with no picture, that clearly stated who I was and that my intentions were, friendship and support. In those five years I received at most four letters. Last year I put in a picture and clearly restated my intentions. The floodgates opened and I received many letters, very few of which were offering what I was looking for. I have since pulled my listing and will never run one again.

What the letters are saying is detrimental to our cause. I look to *Tapestry* to be a source of information and outreach, but it seems that others read it for different reasons. The goal of *Tapestry*, IFGE, Tri-Ess and hundreds of other groups is to try to prove to society that we are not sick in any way. I do not know how society will ever believe us if the people who read our own publications think we are sick and perverted.

I responded to several letters that I thought were sincere, but I never heard from those people again. However, several weeks later I received an ad in the mail for a selection of pornography with an offer to place an ad in one of their magazines. The ad was sent to my new address, not the address that was in my personal ad. The offer stated that they would BUY names and addresses from me. I was angry to learn that someone who I thought was offering friendship was using me for profit. I don't need friends like that!

It seems that people try to read between the lines of the ad and try to assign a personality to a picture without knowing anything about what the person is really like. One of my first letters was 14 pages long. How can someone write 14 pages to a picture and five lines and expect to be taken seriously?

I have received a few letters from men who claim they just want to be friends. Does anyone really believe that a heterosexual man would want anything to do with a transvestite? I wrote back to a couple of them and asked them a few questions. The best one was, "What would you do if someone realized I was a man and decided to cause trouble?" I never received any follow-ups, so I do not think they were as sincere as they tried to appear.

I have received a few sincere responses that I continue to correspond with. We compare notes about some of the letters we receive. It turns out that we get letters from the same people. I copied one that was truly appalling. It had so many spelling, punctuation, and grammatical mistakes that it could not have passed a fourth grade English class. The person I sent it to had received exactly the same letter. We both sent the same response: nothing.

This makes it difficult to contact other people. I am wary about writing to others because I do not know how my letters will be interpreted. I am sure others feel the same way. I feel sorry for those people hoping to find a little support and inspiration and support from readers of *Tapestry*. There are so many ads from people who would like to come out, but are afraid of how society would react. Many of the letters I have received would increase the guilt and shame they feel and push them deeper into the safety of their closet.

I would suggest that TJ *read* the ads and see what they are really saying. Count how many say things like "Sincere replies only, No men, No sex letters, " or anything to that effect. Look back through older issues and see how many ads are no longer run. I sincerely doubt that they were dropped because the people do not subscribe any more. I would also suggest reading the letters you send out and try to think how they might be interpreted by someone who has received 20 or 30 obscene letters before yours arrives. I understand that it takes time and money to contact someone, but multiply that time and expense by 30 to understand my point. Anyone who offers to perform obscene acts with me is not worth the 29¢.

Peace,

Andrea Lynch
New Hampshire

## JUST SO WE GET THE WHOLE STORY

Dear Editor:

Thanks for running my ad in the Personal Listing section of the *Tapestry* last year. I've corresponded with many wonderful people because of it. Your publication is a lifeline to me now, as I'm still in progression to where I should be.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Deb
North Carolina

## THE PAST CAN BE TOO MUCH WITH US

Dear Merissa:

Enclosed are a couple of newspaper articles detailing that someone active in the political arena in South Dakota is a post-operative transsexual. I feel it is unfortunate that political rivals, gay activists, or whoever chose to "out" this person. It is wrong for anyone to substitute their own judgment for someone else's in such a deeply personal matter.

This case illustrates once again just how difficult it is for a post-op TS to keep his/her secret—particularly if s/he makes career choices that place him/her in the public eye. I guess the lesson here is, if you don't want to end up on the front page, don't run for public office or place yourself in a position that will attract media attention.

On the positive side, it is encouraging that the public response to the revelations about this person has been largely supportive.

Earlier this winter, a post-op male-to-female TS who had served as chairman of a City Council as a man considered a run for her old council seat. She backed out of the campaign when the incumbent decided against a mayoral campaign.

All of this hits pretty close to home for me. I am a pre-op TS

in a very public position with a large non-profit organization. The dilemma I am faced with is how to ease my way out of this position before beginning full-time life as a female. I definitely do not want to end up as a target for media attention.

Sincerely,

*L.J.*

## EDUCATION IS THE ANSWER

Dear Editor:

There has never been a greater feeling in my life than the time the fundamentalist who lost me my income and tried to ruin my life told me, "I don't hate you. I'm ashamed of how I treated you. Thank you so much for your kindness to my wife while I was in the hospital. No matter what my pastor says, I wish there were more people like you out there." That felt so good to hear that I thought I'd need plastic surgery to remove my smile.

I changed a flat tire for her while stranded on the roadway one cold night. It doesn't hurt to do things for your fellow man and your community, even if it's just saying hello. The reward is far greater than the effort I put into it.

This proves my belief that there really is good in all people. The person that hates you today could be that person you went to grade school with. That scared and accepting child still exists within all of us. The Christian right was taught to hate us, and we must teach them about the good, thoughtful people we really are. Teaching the fundamentalist to accept us and even like us will be no easy task. It's like teaching my parrot to talk. Sometimes I think he will never say anything, but the next day I try again, and I know someday he will learn. The fundamentalist Christians were taught by a handful of bigoted people to hate homosexuals. We all must accept the job of reeducating them.

Being visible is necessary for our cause, but visibility alone will not help us reach our goals. You will have to go out of your way and work extra hard. Smile and say hello to that person that doesn't like you. Help others and do good things for the community. When we get discouraged, the next morning we must put that smile back on and put our best foot forward. And like my parrot, someday they will learn. This is the only way we will put an end to discrimination.

In the past year, I have seen enough bitterness and hatred from both sides to last me a lifetime. I have done plenty of it myself. Forcing others to accept us will not make us feel good inside. When someone speaks out against you, tell them they are wrong, kindly persuade them to hear your point of view, and don't give up. Even when Colorado's Amendment 2 is repealed, our problems will not go away. If our only goal is to repeal Amendment 2 and be visible, we will still suffer from the hatred and attacks against us. We will have won a hollow victory.

Smile and be yourself. Be proud of yourself because you are a good person and someday, others will see that.

Sincerely,

*Christy Hopping*
Colorado

## UNITY IN THE GENDER COMMUNITY

Dear Editor:

First off, it was a very pleasant thrill and surprise to find my letter of "Complaint" published in Issue #62. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It's time for sewing and mending our torn hems...! That's the way it seems to me. It is not as though we are of different species or from distant planets without a common language to share. We are a special, unique, misunderstood and often maligned group of people. We are further complicated by the fact that neither we, nor those criticizing our desires are capable of counting ourselves with any accuracy and precision, as most of us are reluctant to bring forth our inner selves to be counted. I was previously so intent on protecting my own identity that I failed my family of sisters by not contributing of myself in even the smallest way to help others going through what I had already gone through and many of you have gone through over the past years.

Although I've only been a member of IFGE for 1 year, I've been a lifelong CD for over 30 years. The articles in *Tapestry* have been both educational and uplifting. One feels a kinship and a sense of camaraderie with the crossgendered community at large when reading your magazine. But, my feelings of family are confused.

I read of IFGE, Tri-Ess, the Congress of Representatives and other homogenous organizations as being like step-children, with jealousy of what attention the other receives. Even in an extended family relationship, we can never erase the commonality of our parentage. We are all family. It's about time we treat one another with the same dignity and respect with which we wish the general public to treat us.

To grow and to better assist the community, each organization must nurture their own members to adopt a new pledge. That pledge, or common thread, would be a goal for our future continued growth and support. We must strive to educate the public in a positive, caring, diplomatic, professional and non-threatening manner, as to what we are (or are not) and who we represent. That's nothing new, right?

Before educating the public, we first must strive to assist the uncountable multitude of potential future members, who are still ignorant of our community, as I was, not too long ago. If each of us could just save one other kindred soul from emotional self-destruction, possible suicide, or years of undue guilt, shame and loneliness—then our own individual struggles would have more worth to us

Getting back to our different group egos, I've never been more moved than by Nancy Cole's and Jane Ellen Fairfax's articles in issue #63. To read those thoughtful insights, one would never know of any jealousy or competition. It appears that either article could have been written by the other author. How can we be so different and yet the same?

Coming Together - Working Together is a great beginning, but should not even be necessary in the first place. Another appropriate theme which still reflects our distinctiveness as organizations and individuals could have been Family Reunion. For we should not be jealous, as in our youth, but nurturing and understanding as we all believe we are.

Many voters from different political parties recently all came together to support Ross Perot. Many others wrote of their outrage to Amendment #2 in Colorado. Crossing political bounds is easy when we face a common enemy: fear, ignorance, prejudice and bigotry. If we were from different planets, would we not be open to the views of everyone, whether they agree with us or not? Are we not all fighting the same battle? What will it cost us to unite our efforts? More appropriately put, what will it cost us and those we wish to help, if we don't combine our efforts?

As a group, we wish others to be more tolerant, sympathetic and understanding to our transgender issues and needs. But, how can we then not be open and accepting of one another's organizational views? We must react more like a close family unit. When one is in need, we don't wait to be asked for help, we just contribute whatever talents and resources we can. It is bad enough that some of our own family members are not tolerant of us. Let's not allow this to divide our

community. Just as political parties co-exist and somecome together for the common good-so must we.

Nancy Cole's article, "It Could Happen in Philadelphia" and Jane Ellen Fairfax's article, "Community: A Challenge Accepted" could have been coauthored by Laura Smiley, "On Finding the Reality of Your Being." Laura stated "...Others are learning that transgendered people are from all walks of life and are competent, caring, productive, loving and capable of living meaningful lives." Should not that be our common goal, our family values, our legacy to those still hiding in fear of discovery and ridicule, and to those yet to be? That is the kind of common thread which not only binds our different organizational fibers together, but also mends the ripped seams and torn hems of our fabric.

Sincerely and with much affection,

Barbara Jean
Baltimore, MD

## ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Dear Merissa:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to the author of *The Pelican Brief*.

When I read or hear something that is negative to our "paraculture" I try to address the issue in a positive manner.

See you in Philadelphia.

Best Regards,

Marilyn Frank
New Jersey

Mr. John Grisham
Doubleday
666 Fifth Avenue
New York NY 10103

Dear Mr. Grisham:

I am an ardent fan of yours and just finished reading *The Pelican Brief*. I have enjoyed all three of your books.

However, I do take exception to your second sentence on p. 205 of *Pelican Brief*, "It was quite chilly, but at least the addicts and transvestites were still unconscious somewhere in their sick little worlds." I am 59 years old, married 39 years to a bi-gendered person. We have 3 married children and 5 grandchildren. We are both successful in our own business, and our children do not have a problem with their father's gender expression.

I am sorry that you did not do your homework before this book was published. We try to reach the public in a positive way and not project the image that bi-gendered people are sick.

I hope in the future if you need to refer to a transvestite you will use the term bi-gendered.

Since my husband and I both work a crossdressers' hotline in the tri-state area, we are enclosing a few brochures for you to review.

Good luck with your future books.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marilyn Frank
New Jersey

## COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of *Tapestry* that I read there was a listing of computer bulletin boards. This is valuable since it offers a way of keeping in touch without the need to participate actively in any get-togethers. (Everybody has her own story, and mine, for the moment, precludes either coming out or getting out. I expect a happy ending, but not quite yet.)

For Internet users, a group which includes most college students, university personnel, and lots of others besides, there are two newsgroups that are accessible:

alt.transgender and
alt.sex.trans

There may be others under similar systems, but these were the two that I found. alt.sex.trans wasn't much use, but alt.transgender brought together a group of rational people of various shades of the spectrum and various parts of the world. This one seems well worth the effort.

Sincerely,

Samantha

## SOME THOUGHTS

Dear Editor:

Perhaps some observations by a long term "1st grader" (see Merissa's definitions in *Tapestry* #51, p. 25) will be of interest:

a) Crossdressing is not only a great deal of fun, but it provides a "high" that can help a crossdresser through the rigors of business travel and more severe ordeals. A lot of it is sex, but it is much more. It is the reason for mainstream crossdressing and is practiced by a large number of men.

b) Crossdressers are not sick, but they are not accepted by much of society. At best they are tolerated, but not accepted, in the same way as blacks, gays, and even women. (That is a sad commentary, which is not universally accurate, but visit a blue-collar beer hall sometime.)

c) A crossdresser who goes public inflicts a burden on his wife. If she is lucky, a support group will suffice, but for many (most?) that is not enough. A man who loves his wife must think twice, and then again, before he puts her through his coming out of the closet.

d) A crossdresser who goes public will forfeit the most attractive jobs. He will probably not lose his job, thanks to the anti-discrimination laws, but he will not get the promotions and the opportunities that he might otherwise have gotten. This may not be a significant consideration when the crossdresser has a routine job and few aspirations, or if the crossdresser's talents are so unique that the employer will put up with the crossdressing. But, a crossdresser who has a good job and prospects, especially if he can reach the top of his field, must think twice, and then again, before handicapping his progress by being discovered.

e) A major aspect of crossdressing is passing in public. A failure to pass is merely a failure to do a good enough job. Most of the time people who discover the crossdresser will do him no harm. The exception, which he must avoid if he possibly can, is discovery by someone who can hurt him or his family. That exception limits the public excursions, but does not eliminate them.

f) Transsexuals, female impersonators and others have a more advanced set of priorities than crossdressers of the 1st grade variety. Their "femaleness" is more important than their wife or job. They should prove those priorities without being treated as evil or sick. But they have different objectives than the 1st graders. Some 1st graders will join them, but most will not.

g) To meet his objectives, the 1st grader needs to learn how to "pass" in all of its refinements short of electrolysis or other techniques that create obvious full-time changes to the male image. They also need to know how to deal with children, police, ladies' rooms, airline security, packing for two, and busybodies. They need to learn how to avoid discovery by someone who can hurt them (though his wife will have to learn to overlook the inevitable slip-up). Publications and organizations that want his support for their more advanced objectives can attract support by satisfying those needs.

h) The future will change these observations. Crossdressing will be tolerated. (It's no worse than hang-gliding, technical rock climbing, golf and other activities which many people think are "crazy.") The

work of the leaders of the gender community will pay off and today's pioneers will be entitled to a major part of the credit for pushing society ahead. Even though that will take a while, the effort deserves the support of the 1st graders.

Where do these observations lead? Perhaps the gender community's organizations and publications need to provide more help to 1st graders, beyond the good deal of help they already provide. Perhaps the 1st graders need to provide more support, including money, for the gender community, beyond what they already do.

Sincerely,

*Christina Susan*

### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

Dear Editor:

About eight years ago, I began to realize that I had an interest in crossdressing. Though enjoyable, it brought on a considerable amount of mental anguish. This mental anguish was only made worse through a number of publications that, in my view, seemed to align the crossdresser/transvestite with a sexual subculture. This subculture did not allow me, as a heterosexual male, any kind of identity. An identity that would allow me to accept my desires as a variance of normal.

I searched in vain for appropriate literature that would help me understand and accept my feelings. Finally, I came across *Tapestry*. At last, I had found an organization and information source that truly deals with gender education. What a relief to find others in similar situations to my own. I am still having some difficulty in getting up my courage to contact others. I feel subscribing to *Tapestry* is my first step in this process.

My wife is understanding and has become very supportive of my crossdressing. As I am sure you are aware, this is extremely important in a good relationship. I look forward to learning more about crossdressing and how to maintain my wife's positive support.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

*Jamie R.*

### THE ICEMAN COMETH, AFTER THE LADYSLIPPER

Merissa and I have known each other for about ten years, now. She's had Sexual Reassignment Surgery. She's blooming like a mountain flower. But it was still a shock to see a bearded "Merissa" seated on a mountain top, like some guru. (*Tapestry* #62.)

More shocking was the great similarity to the former bearded male/Merissa and an artist's reconstruction of the ICEMAN, the mummified remains found recently in Europe of a male from the Neolithic/Stone Age.

While Merissa/Wade went in search of himself/herself, without food or water, the ICEMAN went into the mountains with a packframe backpack, knife, bow and arrows, copper axe, leather clothing, and medicinal mushrooms.

Where Merissa is considerably larger of frame and weight, the ICEMAN was 5'2" and 110 pounds. A lot of crossdressers would love to be 5'2" and weigh 110 pounds.

Where Merissa saw her Ladyslipper, the ICEMAN saw alpine lupin.

Where Merissa found her new life in the mountains, the ICEMAN lost his.

Where Merissa had sexual reconstructive surgery, the (mostly intact) remains of the ICEMAN had no penis or scrotum.

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# Cover Girl Story

by Patrice Noel

The following interview is between Patrick & Patrice. Patrick (He) is the male who is trying to accept his inner feminine, but he fully expected to outgrown her, that she would go away. Patrice (She) is that inner feminine seeking identity. The two are one. But now they must talk. It's about acceptance.

## *The Interview*

**He:** So, Patrice, you got your wish, you made it on the cover of a magazine. But isn't that just about the dumbest thing that you ever have allowed? You do realize that this showing could be used against you in future career pursuits. That some may find this objectionable and may consider it a character flaw.

**She:** Do you mean the flaw of being an honest, whole person? This is equal rights Patrick. Boys can be cover girls too.

**He:** Okay, okay. Nice gown, hair and eyes on the cover shot, but I think the face tone is too dark.

**She:** I lost control.

**He:** Regardless, in a question that Virginia Prince posed on an early survey, "Why, in view of the great social disapproval of cross dressing, do you continue to do it?"

**She:** It's fun and emotionally fulfilling. Is there really great social disapproval, or am I only seeing YOUR inner self disapproval?

**He:** I don't seem to be getting through to you.

**She:** Oh, you always have. I used to considered myself as my own greatest embarrassment. I always felt the need to apologize for myself. I felt powerless, ashamed and alone. Happy?

**He:** I didn't mean to be that tough on you, Patrice, but I had to guard and protect my feminine so no one would know. But face it, you're too tall. And on top of that you always have to go out teetering in those high, spike heeled shoes.

**She:** I don't teeter! In fact, Patrick, I work very hard at looking and walking quite sophisticated in heels. I happen to like the feminine manner they cause me to project.

**He:** Are you also working hard on getting the stupid award? Spike heels just make you more vulnerable.

**She:** You come to enjoy that. Vulnerability and femininity are close friends. Still there is a certain amount of borrowed power that you come to enjoy—a sense of power by assumed protection. Something that the male is expected to bestow upon the female.

**He:** That's a bit different from the attitude of "Work Boots Are Us." But, what about those high-tech breast forms I hear you also like to wear.

**She:** They are soft and lovely. I used to feel embarrassed about hugging friends thinking I would feel lumpy or the like. Now I don't have that anxiety. And, besides, I can go bra-less at times thanks to the wonder of science (and Velcro skin tapes).

## Cover Girl Profile

name: **Patrice**

age: **40-something** (XLIV)

height: **6' something** (VI'II")

weight: **160-something** (Roman numerals unavailable)

hair/eyes: **brown** (those I can figure out)

favorite food: **broiled cod** with something

favorite movie: ***Never Cry Wolf*** - Disney production. I loved how the researcher found out about the delicate blend of the wolves with nature, not to mention how to make a great mouse and soda cracker sandwich.

favorite books:
fiction: ***Lord of the Rings*** - Trilogy by J.R.R.Tolkien, for its adventuresome escape, and ***A Winter's Tale*** by Mark Helprin for its reminder that winter and frozen waters are a time of wonder and enjoyment.

non-fiction: ***Sexual Personae*** by Camille Paglia if you can survive chapter 1 and ***Iron John*** by Robert Bly who writes so warmly about the souls of men.

pastimes: Currently **target shooting**, **roller blading** and **Origami**.

goals: **To strive for beauty in excellence. To accept and be more loving of myself. To celebrate differences. And to go out dancing more.**

**He:** Intriguing, but sounds a bit kinky.

**She:** Think of it as breast augmentation without surgery. So why don't you try out for the lead in a remake of the movie *A Man Called Horse.* I understand those Indian Braves did some interesting things with male breasts.

**He:** Gulp...no thanks. Reality check, Patrice, you have a lot of other imperfections. Why don't you quietly just stay in your closet and enjoy that?

**She:** I couldn't anymore. I was just lulling myself into a quiet depression of self denial, of trying to be a man.

**He:** But thats my line!

**She:** (I think I'm getting through to him!)

**He:** Okay, so how did you break out?

**She:** I was watching a rerun of *Donahue* in August 1987. There was a group on from the Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess members who I later wrote to). Nice, attractive and well mannered people. Everything they said was in answer to the argument in my soul. They all wanted to be positive and appreciated and be able to enjoy a bit more of life, of what seemed so denied to them. They wished to present and express their feminine selves.

**He:** Sounds selfish to me.

**She:** Have you ever been starving and looked around only to perceive most everyone else quite satisfied with their meal. As best as I can explain, my inner feminine was quite starved. The only enjoyable experiences I could come up with amounted to a brief dash around the block dressed as a woman. I prayed for rain and gloomy skies so I would be alone and not noticed. Five years later I cannot imagine myself doing that. I have enjoyed so many extraordinary conventions and dinner parties with good friends and dressed in stunning outfits that I sometimes fail to remember the desperation that I once knew.

**He:** I...ah...

**She:** Cat got your tongue?

**He:** Really now, Patrice, you still have to feel silly once in a while all dressed up?

**She:** Oh, there are periods when I feel like a man in a dress, but then there are days that I feel like a woman trying to pass as a man. I don't get all dressed up that often. I have a special night of the week to go out bar-hopping and the like. I am delighted with the people I meet and talk with and they in turn seem to enjoy, if not expect, my company. It is odd in that so many have never seen my male persona, but I don't think they care anymore. Plus it might be disappointing.

**He:** So?

**She:** Patrick, you never seemed to have simple fun, you always seemed so uncomfortable being close to people. Don't you see that it just wasn't working.

**He:** Tough. What about sex?

**She:** It's wonderful, as is love. Sometimes I feel sexy, and other times I feel a soft sensuousness, and then there are times when I feel neither. However, first I want to hear all about your sex life!

**He:** Whoa...change the topic. Listen, I think I am coming to like you, but just a little. But, you seemed so overwhelming to me that I didn't know what you expected.

**She:** I was granted a Full Swoon (an imaginary award) in a lounge last autumn when a man upon confronting me unexpectedly dropped his beer glass. He didn't realize this had happened or why for a few minutes. Then with an apology, he went to get something to sweep up the mess. The other guys around him just smiled at me, being very complimentary.

**He:** What about those two women in Detroit last summer who swooned in laughter over you.

**She:** Their boy friends didn't. I have come to wonder if those women were not posing a power argument over their mates that had

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nothing and everything to do with me. Weren't they saying to their male friends, "Admire the transvestite and I will ridicule you"? Please understand that I also met delightful women and men that same evening.

**He:** Do you know that I could have done both. Admired you and laughed at you and not understood why.

**She:** That's big of you. Patrick, did anyone ever tell you how much they appreciate your gentle and vulnerable side?

**He:** Yes, at times, but I was never able to feel very comfortable so exposed. When I volunteered for the draft, I felt the Army would be the last group on earth to appreciate that side of me, too.

**She:** Sorry about that, but they did appreciate you. You were a good soldier and got along well with others in the military. You were a mother at times and accepted mothering at other times. But, on occasion, the experience was emotionally hard on you.

I also understand that you unexpectedly lost a loved one while overseas within months of your discharge. And that coming home was an extraordinary mix of emotions. So happy to be free of military service, but home to a dead father.

**He:** I had hoped to come home and say, "Daddy, thanks for being the best father ever, but can we talk? I went through the military rite of passage into manhood just like you, but would you please explain this inner feminine stuff?"

**She:** Do you know that I'm crying?

**He:** I cried, too, and I really wanted to talk.

**She:** Patrick...sniff...Dad may not have understood either—it's really a matter of self acceptance.

**He:** I love you Patrice, and thanks, but just don't get mushy.

**She:** Je t'aime.

**He:** Huh?

**She:** In French it means, you're okay too.

*(Pat: Actually it is the most personal form of "I love you.")*

***note:*** Patrice is a regular contributor to the *Chi-Tribune*, a news letter of the Chicago Chapter of Tri-Ess. As an officer of this group she manages or assists in many functions. She has been published in other National publications and sometimes you can catch her performing music on stage.

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# Keynote Address

## by Carol Beecroft

Little did I know, 24 years ago, when I entered the Javelin Room at the Olympian Hotel in Los Angeles, where Freedom of Personality Expression's Alpha Chapter was holding a meeting, that it would be possible to gather so many of us together as we have done this evening. In those early days we still talked about the dangers involved in "going out" in public, and how the police would be so difficult with us.

And now you see sympathetic newspaper accounts of our gatherings and individual members, see our people on television, hear them on radio, and listen to them speaking on college campuses. It is wonderful to hear television hosts say that these people, "are just like us, they merely wish to dress up like women." A lot of experiences have occurred in these last 24 years that give promise for better things in the future: better acceptance and understanding.

But I'm not going to say any more about the past, and hardly anything about the present, but I am going to briefly dwell on the next 24 years, the future. We still haven't had the acceptance and understanding that is only right for us to have. I am going to tell you of some of MY plans to help bring us closer to our goal of total acceptance and understanding from the public, and from the press.

**Goal 1.** Many college textbooks in Psychology and Human Sexuality still give out the same old routine, "A transvestite is a man who dresses in women's clothing for the purpose of sexual gratification." Our future leaders are being fed this erroneous information EVERY college semester, and I, for one, have resolved to locate every textbook involved with Psychology or Human Sexuality and write those authors involved with such terrible misinformation and correct such falsehoods. As an example, I recently wrote to two authors, one at the University of Virginia and the other at Clarkson University. I wrote what I considered an adequate explanation of what crossdressing was all about, and lo and behold, I received courteous replies from both writers. They apologized for the misinformation and said that actually they could not find any source of correct information pertaining to crossdressing. They offered to make many changes in the next editions of their textbooks, and even invited me to write something for those editions.

So, that was two out of two. I find that such authors are very anxious to correct mistakes in their writings because since their textbooks are used in MANY colleges and in hundreds of classrooms EACH year, it is important to have as few mistakes as possible in their textbooks. Otherwise, such textbooks could acquire a bad reputation, and colleges would no longer handle the books. So, I have started going through college book stores, noting what is said in the various books about Psychology and Human Sexuality. If erroneous statements are made, I note this information as well as the author's name and what college or publishing company is involved. Then I write to the author tactfully suggesting that they would not want their textbooks to contain such blatant information, and that perhaps they would like to correct the misinformation contained in their writings. The people who will be filling future positions of leadership in education, business, public service, and other fields need to be correctly informed about crossdressing.

**Goal 2.** Another thing that drives me crazy is to read in a newspaper or hear on television or on the radio the mangling of the word **GENDER**. Invariably, they use that word as if it were synonymous with **SEX**. As an example, I recently read in the newspaper (and not using any real names) the following:

Mary Smith was awarded $150,000 because the XYZ Company discriminated against her because of her gender.

People are NEVER going to understand us if they don't understand the difference between Sex and Gender. Sex means that you are either male or female. Gender has to do with the attributes of being either masculine or feminine. Such attributes are: aggressiveness, caring, sensitivity, gentleness, independence assertiveness, nurturing, and many other such attributes. Now, getting back to the newspaper article, and now knowing what Gender is all about, was Mary Smith discriminated against because she was FEMININE? Hardly! She was discriminated against because she was a female, and the proper word that should have been used was SEX. So much for journalists and their lack of understanding of the difference between Sex and Gender.

And so, with all the misinformation going around due to the lack of understanding of two words that are very important to us (SEX and GENDER) and knowing that we will NEVER be understood until the

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public UNDERSTANDS the distinct differences between Sex and Gender, I have pledged myself that I will write to every person who mangles those words from here on in. I do know that most people are fair enough to change and correct such mistakes if they are approached tactfully and with proper documentation. It's hard to fight against good, solid documentation used to back up your case. I can see myself writing many hundreds of letters each year, but over a number of years, I think that more and more writers will less and less misuse the word GENDER!!

**Goal 3.** Looking ahead to the distant future, perhaps 100 to 150 years from now, there are going to be professional researchers who want to write something about crossdressing. But where are they going to go for information? At this time there are NO places where researchers can find, under one roof, all the information needed in order to write a fair, concise and accurate account about crossdressing. If there is no place for them to do the research, they are going to be in the same place as present writers, who usually just quote from other writers the same old garbage because they don't have any place where they can get accurate information. However, Dr. Vern Bullough of NYU at Buffalo, New York has barely started such a collection at California State at Northridge. However, it is not catalogued, and is in a mess. Not only do I want to help Dr. Bullough bring order to this start of a valuable collection, but I want him to expand this collection. With this thought in mind, I have been collecting every newsletter from every crossdressing organization, every chapter of Tri-Ess, and every periodical dealing with crossdressing. There are newsletter from organizations that flamed up and quickly died, but I have such newsletters for the collection. There are organizations that had only one issue of a newsletter, I've got that one, too. It is important for these future professional historians and researchers to know that various people, by name, cared enough to want to help others through issuing a newsletter or periodical. These people are important, and many have worked many long hours to help other crossdressers. People of the future ought to know that these kindly individuals existed, to help others. These future historians will want to mention that Sussie or Dorothy cared enough to put out at least one newsletter. In these newsletters you will find a wealth of information about what was happening in the late 20th century in various crossdressing organizations, These valuable newsletters will name names and things that happened, etc. Such information in future writings by historians will flesh out and make real what the historians put down on paper. The PRESERVATION of all such material is important if we want to be FAIRLY PRESENTED 100 years from now.

**Goal 4.** Lastly, I recently went to an exhibit at a gallery in Fresno, California where many pictures of what we might call Drag Queens were displayed on the walls of this gallery. The whole thing was done tastefully, and the press gave the exhibit excellent coverage. Many people attended the showing during the ten evenings that the gallery was open to the public. When I finished looking at all the professional photographs, I said to myself, You know, WE need to do this also for the heterosexual crossdressers. I talked to the photographer who was there and who took such quality pictures and I announced that I thought WE needed to do a similar show. Surprisingly, the photographer was in agreement, and even offered to help. I mentioned the show and my attendance in the *Femme Mirror,* the quarterly magazine that Tri-Ess puts out, and soon I was honored to receive a phone call from Mariette Pathy Allen. She was enthusiastic about the proposed project, and when the call was completed Mariette was on board for the whole trip. I was so honored to have Mariette join with me on this non-profit venture. We plan on doing an exhibition in Fresno and in Los Angeles. We'd like to make this a travelling exhibit, going from city to city with the exhibits staffed by local crossdressers. I know that we will not only educate many people with such an exhibit, but we would also locate many hundreds of crossdressers who certainly don't know that there are others just like them out there! People who understand and accept them as they are! Mariette and I plan to get together soon and start plans for the first exhibit in Fresno. We'll get to your city in due time.

Well! That's enough for this person to do!! But, I could use your help! When you see the word GENDER misused in the future, write to me in Tulare, California supplying me with the pertinent information, and I'll contact the writer, television commentator, etc. See that I get copies of your publications, regardless of how small you are. I want future historians to know about YOU! Check the textbooks that are being used in local colleges and universities. Let me know of any textbooks containing misinformation about crossdressing. And, would YOU like to appear on the walls of a gallery or library as part of an exhibit on crossdressing? Volunteer to have Mariette take your picture for future exhibits.

I forgot one thing, and it's a funny thing, a number of us are already doing it, we are educating the future leaders through speaking at college classed which deal with crossdressing. I speak to about 10 classes each semester, that's almost 1000 students a year. That's 100 students who are now correctly informed about crossdressing. That's 1000 leaders of tomorrow who are correctly informed about us. That's 1000 people who know that transvestites do NOT crossdress for the purpose of sexual gratification. DO YOUR PART! Interestingly, a professor of a class on criminology has just contacted me with a view of addressing his class. What goes? And I just learned that a former student in one of the classes that I addressed, on being informed that her knew some crossdressers, replied nonchalantly that she had heard me in class, and, Big deal! **That** gal was EDUCATED wasn't she?

I appreciate being able to address you this evening, and I hope you have benefitted form what I have said. Thanks so very much for the opportunity to speak.

# Legal Positivism

by JoAnn Roberts

Today, I will talk about Gender Roles and Civil Rights. Civil Rights, everyone wants theirs protected. Transgendered people are no different in that respect. We want preservation and protection for our Civil Right to present ourselves in whatever gender role is comfortable for us. Toward that end, the Bill Of Rights was created to clearly define of our gender rights.
These are:

The Right to Assume a Gender Role,
The Right to Express a Gender Role,
The Right to Control One's Body with Respect to Gender Role,
The Right to Sexual Expression with Respect to Gender Role.

The Bill was created out of need based on a philosophy of law called "Legal Positivism." That is a school of Constitutional interpretation that claims individual rights exist **if and only if they are** written into laws. This is **why** this **country has spent** so much time and effort creating Civil Rights legislation. We are not "guaranteed" the rights to "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" a priori. Based on this principle, then, it was necessary to write down our gender rights so we can work toward getting these rights protected by law.

Some people may argue that transvestites have no "right" to crossdress, yet we see people who don't own motorcycles wearing "motorcycle" ackets, and people who don't own cows dressing like cowboys and cowgirls. Some people may argue that transsexuals have no "right" to reassignment surgery, yet people born with bad eyesight have their vision corrected routinely, and people with hair on their faces scrape it off daily.

No one, however, can logically argue that we don't have a "right" to assume a gender role, because, in fact, society requires all of us to assume a gender role based on our anatomy, so that it knows how to interact with us as individuals. The terms man and masculine, woman and feminine, reflect gender roles and gender presentation, not physical, genetic or somatic sex.

Each of us is "assigned" a gender role at birth based on our anatomy at birth. We are then expected to develop that gender role within certain limits stereotyped by our anatomical sex. If we attempt to deviate too far from these unspoken, unwritten stereotyped limits, we are usually met with severe disapproval by family, friends and society at large. Those of us who insist on rejecting this "assigned" gender role are likely to encounter severe emotional, physical and financial consequences.

Since "gender" is a social construct and not a biological given, the "right" to assume a gender role and express it may be viewed, in some instances, as "Protected Speech" under the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution. But that blanket does not cover all the issues for transgendered people.

Part of the problem is the common misconception, even among counseling professionals, that sex and gender are the same thing. Nothing could be farther from reality. It is not necessary for one to be a biological male to be accepted as a "man," nor is it required for someone to be a biological female in order to be accepted as a "woman."

Another part of the problem is the popular misconception that transgendered behavior is a "sexual" dysfunction. Both trans-vestism and transsexualism are often referred to as "sexual" deviations. For example, the *Diagnostic & Statistical Manual, 3rd Edition, Revised (DSM-III-R)*, correctly lists "transvestic fetishism" as a Paraphilia (a perversion). However, many people, counseling professionals included, easily transpose these two words to create the nonexistent category of "fetishistic transvestism"and then assume that all transvestic behavior is fetishistic, i.e. sexually deviant. This is an unwarranted and illogical conclusion. Nevertheless, we are commonly characterized as a sexual minority group, and there are many in this community who object to this characterization, arguing that transgender behaviors are issues of gender role/identity, not of sexual orientation.

Confusion of gender role with sex role is a common problem. Current American culture allows for modest variations in acceptable gender roles for males and females, but when any individual crosses the invisible boundary that separates *man* from *woman,* those narrow stereotypical gender limits are applied and used as the basis for discrimination.

Finally, it is too often thought that laws which prohibit discrimination based on perceived or actual sexual orientation will provide adequate protection for transgendered people. In fact, current laws which bar such discrimination do not protect the

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rights of all transgendered people. Discrimination based on gender role or gender presentation exists separate from sexual orientation issues, and transgendered, especially transsexuals, deal with it daily.

Our community must organize itself to address the issue of gender-based discrimination. We should recommend that future legislation aimed at protecting the Civil Rights of any sexual minority be sensitive to gender–related issues and include wording that prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender-identification, as well. It is my belief that focusing on gender issues in addition to sexual orientation issues as the basis for political action will benefit the largest group of people possible. We will be supporting gay/lesbian rights and women's rights while arguing for our own rights.

There is no time to waste. On the very first day of the new congressional session, H.R. 431 - the Civil Rights Act of 1993, was introduced by a group of progressive representatives. The intent of the bill is to protect people on the basis of their sexual orientation. The operative wording in early drafts reads: "It shall be unlawful to discriminate against any person ... on account of that person's sexual orientation, actual or perceived."

Since *gender* is a social construct, it may be viewed as *protected speech*

Please note that this will not protect transgendered people unless we mobilize now to get suitable wording for the protection of gender role/identity added to this bill. Let's not get sand-bagged as we did with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Write or call your regional representatives in Congress and tell them you want gender identification protected, and that you want them to support H.R. 431.

I am including tips on how to persuade Congress. Put these to good use. If possible, support the March on Washington, April 25, 1993. Go to Washington,DC and march with our brothers and sisters for the rights of ALL minorities.

If it is asking too much of you to march in the open, at least support the TransGender Law and Employment Policy. You'll find the details on the upcoming second annual conference in just about every publication in the community.

Finally, go home from here and strongly urge your organization to get involved. I urge all of you to get involved. We have a lot to lose and much to gain. If we blow this chance at securing our rights, we will have no one to blame but ourselves.

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Dear Ms, Margolies-Mezvinsky,

I am writing to you in reference to H.R. 431, The Civil Rights Act of 1993. I support the passage of this bill, but I want you to be aware that it will serve us all a great deal more if this bill is amended to include protection for transgendered people as well. Currently, there is no protection from discrimination for this class of people.

I would like to suggest that H.R. 431 be amended as follows: "It shall be unlawful to discriminate against any person ... on the basis of that person's sexual orientation or gender identification, actual or perceived."

If you would like to know more about transgendered persons and their discrimination issues, I would be more than happy to provide you or your staff with pertinent information.

Meanwhile, please work on my behalf to secure passage of an amended H.R. 431.

Thank you,

J. Q. Public
A Voter

# Abolishing Guilty Secrets

by Niela Miller

In this article, I will address some of the belief systems and feelings which underlie the need to hide one's gender expression, the possibility for using this aspect of self to enrich and improve relationships and quality of life, and some how-to's for proceeding to change from a person with A Guilty Secret to a person with a gift to offer others: **A Real Self**.

I'm sure you have not failed to notice the proliferation of television specials and dramas in which persons who have been beaten, incested, abused, harassed, etc. bring this awful information out and a Great Painful Cleansing takes place. The latest one I saw was about a Nice Guy who gets beaten by his wife and is so ashamed that he allows people to think it's the other way around because that's more "normal," or he gives the old story of having taken a fall or having been mugged. He tries to tell Significant Persons. They don't want to believe him. The truth finally comes out through the lips of his young daughter. Everyone believes her immediately. His wife, from whom he is separating, asks him at the end, "What are you going to tell people? " He answers, "The truth."

Closeted crossdressers and other transgendered persons seem to feel that what they are hiding is even more damning, that their world is the abuser and much too powerful an adversary to take on. They project an Enemy onto everyone who doesn't know their Guilty Secret.

Let me say something to you as a psychotherapist who has been working in the gender field for ten years, has helped dozens of people come out, release their guilt and shame, claim their right to be exactly who they are, and even begin to enjoy their expressive/creative aspects more fully . . . To paraphrase Pogo, **the Enemy is Us**. You are meaner to yourself than anyone else is inclined to be. There is a part of you that condemns you for what you are doing and, rather than take full responsibility for that part and deal with it in a loving way, you project it out onto everyone else. A smaller percentage of you simply cannot accept your fem self as part of your own male self-image, even though your wife and others are accepting.

So, what to do? Work on the inner relationship between the part of you who loves to be She (however you define that) and the part of you that is ashamed, afraid, guilty. Have a dialogue; make friends; help each other understand what each part of you needs and fears. Make agreements just as you would in any close relationship so that each part of you can feel safe and cared for. You will recognize when you begin to achieve some inner peace because certain chronic tensions you have carried around in your bodymind will start to disappear. You will start to feel more powerful, less helpless, because you are finally taking responsibility for your own feelings and not blaming everyone else for them.

Then choose one person you care about, someone you haven't spoken to about yourself, and with this new internal integration, sit down and have a heart-to-heart talk about who you **really** are. You might even ask the other person if there are things about him- or herself that **they** find hard to talk about. The ability to disclose and expose vulnerable feelings is a wonderful way to deepen any relationship. If you do this with sensitivity and without needing to apologize for who you are, in most cases it will go beautifully. Most *bad reactions* to this information come about because the revealer is giving double messages. (Your body language and tone of voice might be saying, "I know I'm a bad person for having these needs. You can't possibly accept this and will be disgusted, but I have to tell you anyway. Can you try to be nice to a miserable wretch like me?") You are setting the listener up to give you the Punishment you Deserve!

However, let's assume you get your inner act together, you're feeling much better about yourself, and, as one client said, *I need to be truthful in my life, otherwise I can never feel peaceful.* Your friend and you can have a good sharing.

(Niela Miller, director of People*Systems Potential, has been a psychotherapist, consultant, and workshop leader for the past twenty-five years. She has been presenting unique Personal Development Programs at Fantasia Fair for the past ten years, as well as serving the community in her private practice in Acton, Massachusetts, running a group for transgendered persons once a month, and making presentations at IFGE conventions and other community events. Her orientation is Jungian, humanistic, and holistic. She has a graduate degree in education, and is licensed in Massachusetts as a clinical social worker and as a mental health counselor. She can be reached at (508) 264-4565. Her answering machine tape is confidential.)

The next step might be to arrange an introduction between your fem persona and your friend after having discussed the timing and the circumstances. Perhaps it could be at a quiet dinner at your home, or at his/hers. Encourage your friend to respond to what s/he sees, hears, feels. Encourage questions. Share your own experience of coming out. You are continuing to deepen the relationship.

How do you stop yourself from having the experiences and the relationships you want? Ask yourself,"If I didn't treat my gender expression as a Guilty Secret, but rather as a normal part of who I am, how would I behave differently? " And then have the courage to follow your inner promptings.

I can hear some of you saying to me, "Yes, but what if my gender behavior hurts or distresses my family?" Tell me, dear reader, if and when your wife does something which inadvertently hurts **you**, how do you handle it? Hopefully, you and she sit down and communicate about what happened, how you each felt, what you each need to make it go better next time. You are solely responsible for your feelings and behavior. If what either of you does instead is to repress the expression of the Real Self because you are afraid to hurt or confront the other, then what you have are two Pseudo-Selves trying to have a relationship, and that is doomed to fail unless each of you is resolved to carefully live a lie forever. Is that what you want? Most of the problems couples have with the gender issue have to do with poor communication skills, the inability to deal with feelings like hurt and anger, the tendency to blame the other person for your distress, or, just as bad, to make *yourself* wholly wrong or bad. In other words, these problems of communication have to do with HOW you deal with an issue (the Process), not WHAT the issue is (the Content). Here's a clue: If you have repetitive arguments or destructive behavior patterns which never get resolved, you have a Process problem.

It often helps to have an objective third person present who is not involved in the problem and can give feedback to the couple about the communication process. It's sometimes hard to see from the inside. It is also possible that you haven't done enough work on the dysfunctions and negative behavior patterns which existed in your family of origin which you (and your partner) have carried, uncon-sciously, into your present family circumstances. If this is so, it is often a big help to work with a family therapist or a twelve step program such as Codependents Anonymous (CoDA), or to read John Bradshaw, or many other self-help books.

Yes, segments of society and individual persons can be narrow-minded, but how do they change? Not by being protected from the Truth! In fact, I know one crossdresser who, as part of his own healing process, appeared in a church service I coordinated, first as She and later as He, and spoke from the heart about the split inside him, his vulnerability, and the need to be truthful. His wife also spoke as a loving and supportive presence. As a result, many hearts opened, and those present began to share their own vulnerabilities. So this crossdresser not only did something good for himself, he was able to help others, which is another key to promoting good health, i.e. getting out of the egocentric mode to the transpersonal one in which we are all viewed as parts of each other and, therefore, capable of touching and being touched by each other's human experiences.

I needn't remind you (but I will anyhow) that life consists of taking chances. Good relationships involve risk-taking and faith. There are no guarantees. The question really is, How do you want to conduct your life so that you feel most in harmony with yourself and those around you? Hiding Guilty Secrets is a sure way to create havoc with your psyche and to assure that those around you will never have the opportunity to learn and grow from the sharing process, or to know what a complex beauty your real self is!


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# Transition ≠ Surgery

by Janice Van Cleve

The Amalgamated Transit Union, representing public transit workers throughout the United States and Canada, has amended their constitution to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Local 587 of Seattle led the drive at the union's 100th anniversary convention in Miami in September 1992. Local 587 also won a new contract with METRO to include full domestic partner benefits for all employees of the Seattle transit utility. These victories were the work of one woman, Sarah, a heavy diesel mechanic and a transsexual, who has been living full-time without benefit of surgery for over 5 years. She is out of the closet and is known and respected by union leaders and management.

When Sarah first came to the Friday Night TV/TS Support Group in Seattle (FNTVTSSG), she suffered debilitating migraines and was on heavy medication for anguish and depression. Her life was locked in a downward spiral of pain, confusion, and hopelessness. Her poor health was compounded by denial, lack of direction, low self esteem, and no options for a better future. In the FNTVTSSG and the Emerald City (Seattle's transvestite organization), she found sisters like herself and an answer to her pain. She discovered what gender dysphoria was and what to do about it. She found a reason for living a purpose which unlocked inner energies that had been hidden before. With the help of therapy and the opportunities offered by the Emerald City, Sarah grew in confidence and strength and went to work.

Since then, Sarah has faced ridicule and harassment with courage. Her health has improved. Soon, new opportunities opened for her that never would have been hers before. The union sent her to seminars and conferences, she was elected shop steward, she muscled her way into labor negotiations, and she fought nose to nose with senior managers to win recognition and respect for who she was and what she stood for. Of course there were setbacks and disappointments, too. Her father passed away. Family expenses consumed the money she had hoped to save for surgery. Cruel remarks and vandalism marred her daily work with the other mechanics. These would have crushed her, but now that she had found her truth, she could place them in context and dismiss them.

**Transition**

does *not* happen in the genitals!
It never has and it never will.

Sarah has no great skill, or wealth, or intelligence, or luck—in fact, she has nothing that she did not have before. She is an ordinary person who has found the truth and has dared to live it with her whole body and soul. *Vive la difference!* What a conversion! Today she is alive, fulfilled, productive, and changing the world. What about surgery? Sarah says she doesn't really dwell on it. If it happens to fit her schedule—great. But she certainly isn't waiting for surgery to transform her life; she has already transformed it.

I have been helping with the FNTVTSSG for almost 10 years, and in that time I have come to know the hopes and fears of many hundreds of transsexuals. Some come seeking their truth; others come sensing their truth and needing help. And, of course, there are the few know-it-alls who come to tell everybody else what truth is! Most of them look to surgery for relief as if rearranging a little plumbing is going solve all their life's problems. They attach a meaning and importance to surgery all out of proportion to the facts, and then consume themselves with impatience to get it done. For what? Transition does not happen in the genitals! It never has, and it never will. Transition happens in the mind, in the heart, and in the whole of life as it is lived in its entirety. Surgery is necessary to perform certain sexual activities, it's true, and some documents like passports and Social Security records cannot be corrected without surgery, but what about the other 99% of a person's life?

Some maintain that genital surgery would help them feel better about themselves and therefore help them project a more confident and happy being. That's putting the cart before the horse; or better still, that's like saying the horse can't move unless it has a cart to pull. Not! The horse can move perfectly well with no cart, and transsexuals can transition perfectly well before surgery. There are a number of transsexuals in Seattle who have good jobs, active social calendars, and their lives together who have not had surgery. In most cases, cost is the roadblock, and they are saving up for it. But have they put their lives on hold—hostage to a surgeon's knife? No way. They are out there living and loving and having fun. They are exploring and developing this new person they have become and their joy and confidence wins them a thousand times more acceptance and recognition than any panty check would. I suspect cases like these are repeated all over the country . . . and some, a very few, are out there changing the world.

# Gender Reflections of a Christian

## by The Rev. Canon Clinton R. Jones, D.D.

I was baptized a Christian as a young child. I had no choice in that decision. I was brought up in what might be called a "Christian" home. My parents and forebears were also baptized Christians. My mother's ancestor John Morehouse, who was born in Scotland in 1739, emigrated to Connecticut and was one of the founding fathers of St. Paul's Church, Brookfield, in 1788, the parish in which I was confirmed and in which I worshipped. I had no early intentions regarding ordination until the middle of my Bard College years when I made the decision to consider a seminary education. After my bachelor's degree, I matriculated at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and at the end of three years was ordained a deacon in June, 1941, and six months later a priest in the Episcopal Church which is a part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. I served in the active ministry of the church for forty-five years until the age of seventy in 1986. Since one is ordained a priest "forever," I continue my ministry in various capacities, and am happy that the blessing of good health has made this possible.

With this brief biographical sketch I presume it would be quite understood that I hold a real reverence for the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. I recall the home in which I was raised. A Bible was always on a table in the parlor and no one was ever allowed to place anything on top of it, for it was revered and honored. When I was ordained, I signed a Declaration which states, "I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary for salvation." This I have believed, and it continues to serve as a basis for my faith.

Now, as a contrast to what I have stated, I will report a rather interesting episode. One of my seminary professors who in his long life has published well over forty books, and for the last several years has been part of one of the most distinguished universities in England quite recently was lecturing in the States. I was invited to share a small dinner party in his honor. Prior to our dining, I was sitting beside him and he reached over and said, "Clint, I have come to a wonderful conclusion." Obviously, I was eager to hear more. He went on to say, "Damn the Bible!" For a moment I was probably a bit shocked, but on recovery, I knew just what he meant. He was alluding to how the Bible over the years has been misused, misinterpreted, and misunderstood so that instead of the blessing it should be, it has become from time to time a weapon in the hands of those who want to use it as a defence for their prejudices, their ignorance, and their efforts to control or condemn the lives of others who may be different from themselves.

If the Bible, as theologians indicate, contains all things necessary for salvation, in all honesty, one is tempted to believe that it has not always been used for this purpose. If it is identified as the inspiration for the so-called Holy Crusades and the Inquisition, or the impetus to force Galileo to recant his belief in Copernicus' position that the sun and not the earth is the center of the universe, then one can be worried. Just within the past few days the media have reported the facts concerning a zealous anti-abortionist, Michael Griffin, who allegedly shot to death Dr. David Gunn at the Pensacola Women's Medical Services Center. Upon his arrest, he made it clear that he would serve as his own defense attorney with the Bible being his, "law book." I would hope that when he recalls the Ten Commandments, he doesn't pass over number six: "Thou shalt do no murder."

I indicated in the title of this paper that I would deal with some "gender reflections." Since I am a preacher, it is natural to set out a text to provide a springboard. Mine therefore in this is from the first book of the Bible, and even its very first chapter, Genesis 1:27, "And God created man in his own image, male and female created He them, and God blessed them."

The great question being dealt with by so many disciplines today centers around what do we mean when we say *male, female,* and even more so when we wrestle with the words *masculine* and *feminine.* Let's turn to *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* for some definitions. "Male - relating to the sex that begets young by performing the fertilizing function in generation and produces spermatozoa by which eggs of a female are made fertile." The first emphasis, it would seem, is on biological functioning. "Female - an individual that bears young or produces eggs." Another interesting definition is, "designed (note the phrase, designed!) with a hollow or groove into which a corresponding male part fits -- e.g. the coupling of a hose." What seems strange to me, perhaps to you also, is that no mention seems to be made of penises or vaginas! On the other hand, the attending doctor at a birth has his own criteria (not a very complicated one)—he looks down and says to Mrs. Murphy (I used that name since this is St. Patrick's Day), "You have a boy," or "You have a

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(This was one of the keynote speeches at the IFGE Coming Together Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March, 1993. Canon Jones has been instrumental in the founding and operation of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England in conjunction with the XX Club, a support group for transsexuals, in Hartford, Connecticut for about twenty years.)

girl." As I have said, it doesn't take him too long to come to this conclusion!

All of these definitions, either by *Webster* or by the doctor, may be wrong! Because of this reality, we may find good reason for gathering here at this convention to think through what it means to be born with a penis and want in some instances to get rid of it because it is wrong for an individual's identity; or to have breasts and a vagina and ovaries and know that these are not compatible with the deep feelings one may have about the true self. Also, there are those who may want to maintain their genitalia or their given sex, but at the same time express more openly and more fully the personality and the identity which is generally associated with the opposite sex or gender.

How do we counter the defining done by *Webster* and the obstetrician? If a male is to be defined only through biologic functioning, or by evidence of a penis, how do we deal with the fact that there are males who are sterile and always have been, or those who hate their genitals so totally that they may even attempt self-emasculation? There is enough evidence to prove that there are genetic females who have similar conditions and struggle with the same kind of feelings. In terms of the doctor, he is generally on firm ground with his diagnosis. However, we now know that his decision is not always accurate. This puzzle has been a troubling one for a fairly long time. Obviously, it would be expected that the apostles of Freud and other distinguished men and women who have followed and who have developed a myriad of disciplines and procedures which were intended to unlock the puzzle: psychoanalysis, hypnosis, regression therapy, and many other mental gymnastics, but seem to have failed to provide definitive answers. The other side of the medical world has also been struggling with brain studies, chemical interventions, even electric shocks. I have wondered whether those using acupuncture have made any progress.

## "Damn The Bible."

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Perhaps we need to return to the Bible again. First, let us understand that this book (really a compilation of many books and many writings over a period of nearly 1500 years) is basically about God. God is the central focus. If we are Christians, we are expected to believe that God is Truth. Jesus epitomized this when He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." We like to think of truth as being absolute, and, in a certain way, this is acceptable. However, in all reality, must we not believe that truth may be revealed little by little, and sometimes all too slowly. Once we did believe that the world was flat, not round; that the moon would be inaccessible to man; that bleeding a patient was an acceptable procedure. The list could be a long one. Gradually, through our pioneers, such as Madame Curie, Darwin, and Freud, we have learned about not only the inanimate world, plant and animal life, but also of the human mind. We are still learning. In our own time we have moved toward truth about human identity and human sexuality with such persons as Alfred Kinsey, Harry Benjamin, and John Money, to name a few.

What is this paper, you may wonder, trying to say? Obviously, this symposium is one more effort to come to some fuller understanding of such subjects as transvestism, transsexualism, transgenderism, and even to think about the varieties of human sexual response. We continue to wrestle with the why as well as how to communicate some of the truths we now know to a world which is often too ignorant, too prejudiced, and too unkind, or even ugly!

As to *why,* I have found my own apologia for my ministry in this field in my own faith, which rests on the fact that I not only believe that God is the Creator of all, but that variation is also within the creation, and for this I would hope we all can be grateful. I also believe as I have already stated, that truth, God's truth if you will, is revealed slowly. Christine Jorgensen's surgery was just in the middle of this century. The Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists, the IFGE, and many others are relatively new. Little by little we learn. Slowly, what we learn and believe moves out into the wider community, and we continue to hope for more tolerance, more understanding, and more support.

I return to my text: "And God created man, male and female created He them, and God blessed them." I still believe this. Just what God may mean by male and female is not clear. I'm not willing to wholly accept *Webster's* definition. I'm not even convinced the doctor's proclamation is always accurate. I'm not even sure what the words *male, female, masculine,* and *feminine* are supposed to mean in every instance, but I feel convinced that every human being is of God's creation and that He blesses them.

When I was ordained, I promised to be an apostle of God's Love. I have felt called to love, to honor, to serve all those whom God has asked me to care about. I have not always done as well as I should have, and I may have failed badly from time to time, but I carry on and keep hoping I will do better. In the liturgy of the *Book of Common Prayer,* which is used in the regular worship of the Episcopal Church, there is a question asked of all those baptized, "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?" I have tried, and hope I will always respect the dignity of every human being -- regardless of whatever that person's identity may be, so I always answer the question with, "I will, with God's help."

# Looking For ME
# While Looking At You

## by Catherine Lynn Andrews

I am the *Captain* of my life
I dress to suit my taste.
To be concerned of other's thoughts
To me, is such a waste.
For I'm the one who lives in here
Not *Him* or *Her,* but Me.
For Me to try to look like them
It's not myself...you see?

The scene was not uncommon, having coffee in the living room with several friends. As I listened, I was aware of the relaxed atmosphere of the room. Several pairs of heels lay in careless disarray on the floor while sore feet were propped up on the coffee table or tucked under their owner's bottoms.

The newest member of our little group, a thirty-something brunette by the name of Jennifer, was still bubbling with the nervous excitement of being "out" with friends. We smiled knowingly at her enthusiasm and laughed aloud as she recounted (again) our first shopping trip several weeks ago to get her some decent underthings.

"If only I had Cathy's mannerisms," she wished, "and Vera's hair and Mary's legs, it would be so great!"

"I can teach you mannerisms," I offered. "I'll show you where to get this hair," added Vera.

"Wear pants!" snarled Mary sarcastically. "If I had your figure, I would exercise my legs into shape and be eternally happy." You see, Jennifer was five foot-five inches tall with fine features mounted on a 130 pound, narrow-shoulder frame.

My mind wandered off for a moment as the girls continued their friendly chit-chat. I recalled a conversation I had with Yvonne and a few others at the I.F.G.E. Convention in Natick, Mass. The conversation revolved around the widely held, yet nonexistent, requirement to earn a "Right-Of-Passage," and thereby attain "Community Status" by "passing perfectly" on all occasions. It was here where the problem resided as it was apparent the goal could be achieved by the simple process of becoming a "copy" of a particular role model. (If I see just one more Madonna clone, I'm going to...never mind, you get the idea.) ATTENTION: Neither the I.F.G.E. nor any other organization I am aware of recognizes any process or procedure or test of any kind that is required to "earn your garter belt."

*You are unique*
in all the world, and in being you, only you know how you feel and what you want.

Our community is growing constantly. We represent a broad (no pun intended) cross section of personalities, skills, and interests. We are all so very different and yet we seem to try so hard to look alike! No, there is absolutely nothing wrong with having a role model or two. Better yet, a mentor to help you grow and mature, but cloning is to be avoided at all costs. Imitation may be the highest form of flattery, but it gets real boring real fast.

We, each of us, must develop as individuals. With the help of my friends, I have learned to accept myself for who I am. What you see is really me. By emulating your role model, you can become lost in something that is not you or she. The resultant confusion can lead to a complete loss of yourself within someone who doesn't exist, who not only doesn't understand who she was but now doesn't understand who she has become.

Please try to understand...you are unique in all the world, and in being you, only you know how you feel and what you want. There are no "wrongs" and "rights" in being you. There are no levels of advancement, only levels of personal maturity. There are many skills to be mastered, makeup, manner-isms, and hair styling to name a few. These are "learned" skills which should not be confused with who you are as a person.

Take stock of yourself. Take a look at yourself as a person and ignore biological "Plumbing," as it has little to do with gender. Your gender has already been determined and you now have to accept yourself for who you are. Now that you have accomplished all that, it's time to make the best of what you have. You can lose weight, you can change hair style and color, you can experiment with makeup colors until you have found what is right for you. You cannot change being tall/short and you cannot stuff a size ten foot into a size seven pump.

Go with your best. Change what you are able into something that pleases you. Learn to accept what cannot be changed. But always remember you cannot change who you are as a person, as "you" will always "show through."

# Considering Transgender Liberation

## by Martine Aliana Rothblatt

Meeting Leslie Feinberg gives you the same impression as finishing his booklet: the rigid division of people into masculine and feminine genders cannot be true; it must be a deception of society by those who would benefit from "divide and conquer" tactics.

Leslie Feinberg is a beautifully androgynous human being, the very epitome of the sensitive man and the empowered woman of the 1990's. Feinberg's ease with blending sex roles is reflected in his booklet. *Transgender Liberation* discusses historical examples of male-to-female transgenderism as often as it portrays the origins of female-to-male cross-living. Through its pages we find transcripts of Joan of Arc's refusal to shed male clothing blending into gentle descriptions of Native American transgenderists caring for their people's infants and spirits. But, just as Leslie Feinberg's speech is punctuated with vigorous calls to action, *Transgender Liberation* is full of the anger of thousands of our brothers and sisters across the ages being burnt to death, tortured, and fed to wild dogs as punishment for being gender-unique. For example, Feinberg urges us not to use the term "berdache" to refer to Native American transgenderists because this was imposed by colonialists who viciously killed every cross-living indigenous person they found.

I asked Leslie, as he sat across from me sipping herbal tea, Where would transgenderism eventually lead? Would transgenderism one day be totally normal?

> I believe that no one can be free until all of us are free. In the booklet, I show that the oppression of transgender arose historically in tandem with the degradation of women and of same-sex love when society cleaved into classes.
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> The bigotry fomented against us is part of the divide and conquer tactics that have kept a relatively tiny group of slave owners, feudal land owners, and the corporate and banking elite in power over the vast majority. Class society requires scape-goats. The division into haves and have-nots pits people against each other.
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> I don't believe that this intolerance and bigotry are an immutable part of human nature considering human nature has changed many times in the conditions of different economic systems and historical periods.
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> We can see that our earliest ancestors, working cooperatively in communal societies, treated each member of society as valuable. I believe our liberation is tied to the freedom of all humanity and that the revolutionary role of the transgender movement will leave its imprint on the kind of just society we all are working to bring to birth. The right to be ourselves, love whomever we choose, and control our own bodies will be fundamental rights.

*Transgender Liberation* makes clear that cross-dressing, cross-living, and cross-being are part of a once-respected tradition going back thousands of years. Our spiritual ancestors have suffered as much for their transgenderism as have other religious and ethnic groups suffered for their freedom to behave according to their beliefs. *Transgender Liberation* recounts our history/herstory of oppression. And transgenderists can draw strength from the persistence of our lifestyle. Despite thousands of years of effort to wipe out "gender bending," *Transgender Liberation* makes you feel part of a historical movement, and perhaps one of the most important, earth-shaking movements this planet will ever know. Feinberg elevates transgenderism from a lifestyle to a way of life, from a Friday night fling to a fight for civil rights, from a source of shame to a reservoir of respect.

I asked Leslie how he dealt with the ingrained nature of gender bi-modality in language. Hasn't all the history of suppressing gender-bending resulted in a rigid "he/she, his/her" language structure that defies androgyny? It is said that language constrains thought, so how can the transgendered ever become truly normal as long as our language binds us to a bi-gendered paradigm?

> There is evidence of many societies that recognized three, four, or even seven categories for gender variance. And these societies had respectful words in their own languages for transgender whose meanings we can't completely understand from our contemporary vantage point, or expropriate for ourselves today.
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> Language is a tool, and not always an exact one. A common struggle by large numbers of people shapes commonly agreed language. The struggle will determine

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*TRANSGENDER LIBERATION: A Movement Whose Time Has Come*, Leslie Feinberg, New York: World View Forum, 1992, paperback, 22 pages is available from World View Forum, 46 West 21st Street, New York NY 10010 USA. Cost is $2.50 plus $.50 postage and handling. Leslie Feinberg has also written a novel, *Stone Butch Blues* published by Firebrand in 1993.)

what words we use to honc ourselves, embrace the large: community possible, an persuade masses of people t fight on our behalf. We need t talk to each other, listen to eac other, respectfully debate organize, fight back, an change the world. Th language, concepts, an understanding that follow wi be our legacy.

With chapters such as Transgenderism around the World, When Bigotry Began, From Joan of Arc to Stonewall, the reader is left with the unmistakable belief that transgenderism has as rich and powerful a tradition as any of the many religions and empires which sought to stamp it out. Born out of the pre-historic communalism, the practice of transgenderism has survived the cross-dressing prohibitions of the Jewish Bible and the witch-baiting tactics of Catholicism. Transgenderism has survived the selfish patriarchal division of society into men and women that Ancient Greece started, Rome carried forth, and modern capitalist societies endure. Leslie Feinberg makes you know that transgenderism is not new, is not pop, and is not wrong. It is a long-suppressed trunk of human nature that reaches back before time, and is now fighting hard for honest recognition and respect.

No one can be free until all of us are free.

I ended my chat with Leslie by asking him, What was the goal of *Transgender Liberation?* What does Leslie Feinberg want to be the result of this book?

There's an old African proverb: Until the lions come to power, the hunters will write history. I wrote *Transgender Liberation* because we were never taught in school that our human ancestors in communal societies held transgender in high esteem, believing it to be a sacred form of expression.

Gender has been expressed differently in diverse cultures and historical periods, but gender variance has always been a feature of human society. Gender oppression is a relatively recent historical phenomenon.

The paths we walk as transgendered people are ancient and winding. But a people bereft of their history are left without a map to steer their course. Which path leads to liberation? Not knowing our history could leave us feeling demoralized about what is termed "human nature." As long as we believe that the way things are now is the way they've always been, we could feel hopeless about our potential to change the world.

And, I believe we not only can birth a better world, the economic and social conditions in this society make it a necessity.

As we ended our interview, I felt calmed by Leslie's presence. Here was a person who embodied the peace of mind honest transgenderism can bring. There is nothing so disquieting as a transgendered person's guilt, and yet there is nothing so enchanting as a transgendered person's joy. *Transgender Liberation: A Movement Whose Time Has Come* will help any transgendered person move from guilt to joy and from apathy to action. Information is power, and this booklet is so packed with transgender history that it cannot help but empower and embolden the transgendered soul.

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# 'Fessin' Up About Dressin' Up

## by Rachel Stewart

*It is useless for sheep to pass resolutions in favor of vegetarianism while the wolves remain of a different opinion.*
William Ralph Inge, D.D., 1860-1954.

In each of us there is an innate need to tell someone about this thing we do. Some discussion of the matter is in order. Although I believe honesty is the best policy, there may be times when silence should prevail.

There are several considerations that go into the decision to tell someone about being a member of the gender community. Who do you tell, what do you tell, when do you tell, where do you tell, how do you tell and, lastly, why do you tell, are important questions to answer before you tell someone about your crossdressing. Perhaps every bit as important is the understanding that each of these answers will change for each individual you decide to talk with.

Why tell? The simple one word explanation for this compulsion is EXPANSIONISM. We want to expand the world where we can comfortably allow our feminine persona to roam free. My theory goes, the more people I tell, the more places I can go dressed. Alternatively, the more people I tell, the more people I can speak frankly with and not be afraid about letting something inadvertently slip out. In our less than perfect world, this freedom will almost never exist. If it does in your world, then you are the most fortunate exception to the rule.

Who do you tell? As with all of this, a very individual response. Certainly at the very top of the list should be your Significant Other. Now you must modify this to fit your circumstances, but complete honesty and sharing is a rightful expectation of your spouse (include unmarried partners here as well). I won't go as far as to say that you must tell, but it may very well lift an incredible burden from your shoulders. This is not to say that candor will work out positively for you.

I told my first wife about my crossdressing desires after we had been married about four years. She didn't handle it well, and never really came to terms with it. Although there were many contributory things, the crossdressing was definitely a factor in the eventual divorce. I survived the experience and grew as a result of it. In that, I found good.

This experience could have been different if I had told her before we were married. In my own defense, the crossdressing had been largely curtailed for two years, and I thought it was just an interesting and very private part of my past. WRONG! But the seeds of deceit were planted, and now I had to live with the results. I knew she was pretty conservative, and beyond that, fairly narrow-minded concerning traditional gender roles. My WHEN was wrong, and my HOW was wrong. I sprang it on her with no real incisive and carefully laid groundwork.

That was the bad story. Here are the good ones. I have told three other Significant Others about crossdressing, and discussed the topic with two others to whom I didn't confess. All of them reacted differently, and all came to terms with it, some more enthusiastically than others. In each relationship I told them about it differently, and you'd better believe I did some serious testing of the waters before I jumped in. In each case I was in a romantic relationship and interested in finding Ms. Right.

In those cases where I did not tell them, I found in my preliminary inquiries that their responses indicated an inability to come to terms with such behavior, or other characteristics that indicated to me some danger in telling them. These relationships were ended rather soon, since I was actively seeking a compatible person for a lifetime commitment. In two of the cases, the individual came right out and said that crossdressing was not a problem, it was other things that gave me reason to end the relationship. Both were wonderful people, people who could be good friends, but not someone with whom to share such an intimate secret. So, WHO?

Outside of Significant Others, who we tell comes down to who you trust, and if there is a compelling need for them to know. There is a great tendency among us to try to expand our crossdressed world. A common fantasy is to wish the world, family and friends would accept us regardless of our gender image. If we wanted to go to work dressed, that would be OK. Thanksgiving at Mom's? OK, put on that holiday dress! But, unless you come from a unique family, and work in a very progressive environment, such activity will probably not be welcome.

In telling others, your mind-set must include the question, Who will benefit from my telling this person about my crossdressing? It will place a burden on that other person, a burden they may not want. It may strain the relationship to the point where a once valued friend becomes

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distant and alienated. If the person is a sibling or parent, the rift can have far-reaching family consequences should they decide to "help" you tell the rest of the family. Again, ask WHY? Why do I want to tell this person about me? Why do they need to know? Why would they want to know?

Who will benefit from this revelation? In each relationship we both give and take from the interpersonal dynamic. What is inherent in the relationship that demands your being candid about crossdressing? Will the relationship improve as a result of your revealing your inner self? Will your friend understand the faith and trust you have just handed to them? If it is a parent, you must think very carefully about how they will handle the news.

For the TS, this is an issue that must be resolved perhaps before, but certainly during transition. For the TS it is a necessity. For the TV, it is not. You may feel compelled to let them know what you really are, but you must carefully weigh your "needs" against their ability to cope with your revelation. We all wear different faces in our daily lives. We all have a work face, a home face, a parent face and a child face. There is nothing wrong with maintaining a number of different faces, it is not deceitful, it is merely the reality of our world. Again, it would be wonderful if we could all go to Mom and Dad's for Thanksgiving and show off our gala holiday wear, but reality seldom allows fantasy to prevail.

Mom may have a specific image of you as a son. Dad most certainly will. If you reveal your feminine image to them, they may very well feel that they have somehow failed as parents and as role models. Dad may simply be misinformed and believe that you are gay. Mom may feel that this lifestyle puts you in a high-risk group for AIDS. Both results may emanate from their concern for your welfare and safety, and both would need specific and comprehensive enlightenment about the facts of the matter. Their feelings of somehow "failing" as parents are much more difficult to address. The question is simply, "Is it worth it?"

# *Expansionism.*

We want to expand the world where we can comfortably allow our feminine persona to roam free.

With some parents and Significant Others, the revelation could be viewed as a threat to everything they ever stood for. A threat to the American Family. A threat to their very lives! It would be a big mistake to dismiss these fears as unfounded. For a great deal of people in our society, perception IS reality. If they think the end of the world is at hand, it may well be. If you decide that you should tell these people, be very sure of the necessity to do so. With a Significant Other, it is a tough choice. With parents and certain others, it may be a great deal easier since you may not need to tell them.

Telling friends is alternatively the easiest and hardest group with which to share such intimate information. With some, friends come easy. With others, like myself, we have few and hold them closely. Sensitive and caring individuals are required for such revelations. Stereotypical high-testosterone, macho, womanizing, gay bashing, meat eaters may not be entirely receptive to your discussing your preference for satin over silk. Choose your audience carefully. Ladies are generally more inclined toward receptivity than males (I think it's an acculturation thing) BUT, this is not always the case. Again, you have to pick your intended confidant very carefully. Although most women I know are pretty open to diversity, some of the most rabid, vindictive, wretched and spiteful people I have known have been women. Be careful. Remember to ask yourself the questions, "Why do I need to tell this person about my crossdressing, and what are the benefits realized by my telling them?"

Are there benefits? Certainly. It would be nice to be able to share this with your best friend, to get their approval. In the best of cases, their approval will do wonders for your self-esteem. In essence, what you gain is an acknowledgement of you being OK, you remaining the trusted and valued friend they always had, warts and all. It would certainly make one feel pretty good about feeling pretty. I hope each of us has at least one friend outside the gender community who would offer such non-judgmental support and friendship. If you have one, do not lose them. They are truly remarkable people.

Is this a confusing morass of contradictory statements? Perhaps it is just my disorganized way of writing, but probably more to the point, it is a difficult and confusing issue. The best advice is to feel things out, go slow, test the waters. Decide who, what, when, where, why and how. Answer the questions about necessity and benefits, and consider the consequences of your actions. Remember that it is your life that will be changed the most, both good and bad, when you tell somebody about this thing we do. If you really need someone to talk with, someone to really open up to, I and your other sisters are here for you. We don't have all the answers, but many of us have wrestled with these issues for a great many years, have made mistakes, have grown, learned, and survived. You can, too!

# Learning The Fem Voice

## A Total Body Approach

by Don Bowling, MEd

The decision to live as a woman eventually comes down to, *How can I develop a feminine voice quality?* Hormone therapy changes the body shape, electrolysis removes facial and arm hair, surgery can take care of the genitalia. Video tapes provide ready access to makeup, hair styles and appropriate colors for various eye colors and skin tones. Often, pamphlets accompany the purchase of accessory scarf holders demonstrating styles that conceal the crico-thyroid arch, which can never become "Eve's" apple.

Many new women have a highly developed sense of style in clothing and know what cuts and shapes flatter varied figure types. Often, the new woman is so well-groomed and stylishly attired that detection of male origin is impossible. Unfortunately, the voice reveals the secret instantly.

The average feminine voice is middle C on the piano, and the range of notes may extend beyond three octaves, or more than 24 notes. The untrained male voice is immediately identifiable by its lower, heavier tone, as well as the lack of melodic intonation. Some tenor voices have a feminine pitch, but their fast rate, even intensity, monotonous level of loudness, added to insufficient changes in tone sabotage the feminine mystique.

In addition, new women often do not understand that walking, sitting and standing postures distinguish males from females. When asked to pull up a chair and sit down, one impeccably dressed new woman, reached between her knees, took hold of the dress as well as the front of the chair and jerked it forward. Another, who was attired in a tailored Chanel jacket, bodice top and slim pants, plopped into a chair and crossed her legs in the "great American style" with the ankle of one leg resting just above the knee of the other leg. This is obviously male posturing not advised for females unless the occasion is very casual. In fact, image consultants advise women to cross their legs only at the ankle to appear poised. Otherwise, sitting with your knees together makes the best possible appearance for your clothing and figure.

Why is posture, gait, handshakes and nonverbal behavior included in the general area of voice? The whole body is your voice instrument. No specific organs for voice exist. All voices are the result of tensions held in the jaw, lips, cheeks, larynx, shoulders, pelvis, neck, forehead, tongue, abdomen, chest, etc. All of these body parts have other basic functions related to eating, drinking, swallowing, breathing, excreting and being alive. The so-called "vocal mechanism" has nine different life functions including breathing, swallowing, lifting and pushing. The "vocal chords" must come tightly together to raise the air pressure in your chest each time a heavy object is lifted or pushed, as in bowel movements! Often, before the voice can be changed, the pattern of muscle tensions in the body must be identified, altered or remediated to allow the new sound to emerge. Just observing the lines on the forehead, around the mouth, nose, across and behind the neck provide clues to muscles inappropriately contracted. Sometimes the whole spine and the knees are held stiffly.

The learning of these tensions is part of growing up with parent models and the unfavored parent may contribute more to the overall picture of muscle hyperfunctioning. Sometimes just understanding this is extremely motivating for change!

Males who say they have always felt feminine do have very masculine voice habits, including much other nonverbal behavior. Although no specific male/female differences have been found in skills and intellect, females appear to use both brain hemispheres equally. Males appear to be more left brain oriented. While speech and language appear to be left brain hemisphere functions, speech melody, rate, loudness, resonance, intonation and emphasis are right brained characteristics.

Much of voice training involves developing awareness of voice habits such as monotonous pitch, rate, and loudness that project maleness. Then, individualized exercises to be practiced daily are constructed, demonstrated and practiced during the hour therapy session. The very male attitude of, "I want to know it all and do it all in one session," is seen with "strongly motivated new women." The feminine attitude of sensing the wholeness of transforming the voice-body instrument is absolutely essential.

The process of voice changed is accomplished through the willingness to co-operate with the voice specialist. Many new women ready for voice change have many other personal issues to discuss. Interjecting these frequently into the voice session can sabotage learning the new voicebody habits. The whole hour of training can easily fly by without doing a single exercise when the voice client insists on "sharing" the latest concern. This sharing is important, but is better done with a counselor or a network of friends. A professional mentor or trainer works best when he/she is not pressured to be a "best friend." "The good old boys network" philosophy does persist in males bridging the genders.

Finally, a sense of humor helps in learning the fem voice. Of course, that's another right hemisphere ability. Right now, why not start the process by learning to giggle, titter, and snicker just like the gals you have known!

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# Association Leads To Understanding

## by Charlene Hunter

It's a long, hard, emotional trip when you are transsexual. In July of 1966, when I decided to do something about it, I made my first visit to see Dr. Harry Benjamin. Later, in the early 70s, I was part of the Stanford Gender Clinic. In March 1975 I had rhinoplasty and thyroid shave at Stanford, and later transitioned on the job at the De Young Museum. I was single then, and could drift from one gender to the other and not hurt anyone. When in transition on the job, I burned all my bridges. That was the thing to do back then. I did not know of any support groups, or of the gender community. It was one of the loneliest times of my life. In 1980 I stalled out and changed back.

As I entered ten years of denial, I actually thought I had relieved myself of the desire to live as a woman. Had I not given it a real life test? In the third year of my denial I got married. It was my first marriage. I was 46 years old.

It was not long before I was getting the need to express the feminine part within myself. Halloween would come and go. I would say to myself, "I do not need to go out as I used to live as a woman." This excuse wore very thin very quick.

My wife knew of my past life as a woman, but did not know that I needed to change back. It was in the winter of 1990 when a friend of mine and I discovered we were both into dressing up. My friend told me about The Educational TV Channel (ETVC). As I had no idea of what ETVC was, it took three tries to get me to go. About a month before I had told my wife of my desire to change back to living as a woman. Also, that I was thinking of sex reassignment surgery. She only asked, "How long does it take?" I told her about two years. We fell silent.

On my first visit to ETVC we arrived early at the Chez Mollet restaurant, had a nice dinner, then proceeded to the back room. It was here I discovered what had been going on in the last ten years. I had never seen anything like *Tapestry*. I had only seen Virginia Prince's *Transvestia*, and that was back in the 60s. I had given my wife-to-be an aged copy of *An Introduction to the Subject of Transvestism or Femmiphilia (crossdressing)*. I remember that she did not read it. I thought maybe it was not important now, and it could be out of date. Anyhow, that was then and this was now. I needed some information, and I had found it! I never got past the check-in table. I bought three *Tapestries* and went home with more information than I knew was in existence. I later ordered several other books.

I wanted my wife to know what I was and why I was the way I am. The only transgendered people my wife had seen in her native New Zealand were female impersonators at Carmen's Club in Wellington and the girls working on Karangahape Road in Auckland. She also mentioned a trip to Sydney, Australia, so I would imagine she had a visit to the Kings Cross area. That was her understanding of us.

She refused to read any of the books and information I had purchased, saying, I"t won't make any difference." There was much anger and resentment from her. About that time, my friend stopped by and had a long talk with her. We were now talking again. Rather than trying to push her out of my life, I invited her to join in.

**THIS WAS A BIG TURNING POINT.**

The first place we went as two ladies, with another couple, was a meeting at ETVC. We had a nice dinner, but Elizabeth did not feel comfortable there, so we left early.

I was in group counseling every Wednesday night. At first I thought it was the counseling that made her irate when I would leave and return, but soon I realized it was her being LEFT AT HOME. I found a British pub called Mayflower Inn that served up fine English meals. We started to make a shopping and dinner night of my counseling night. After several months, the wait while I was in session was too long and SHE ELECTED NOT TO GO ANY MORE. That was her choice. I MADE IT A POINT TO ALWAYS INVITE HER ALONG.

We had many shopping trips out together. These were fine, but she was not learning why I was this way. When I was in New Zealand, I had read an article by Beverly Holland in the *New Zealand Woman's Weekly*, "Beverly's Son Becomes her Daughter." The article mentioned that Ms. Holland was writing a book. I wrote Leone Neil in Wellington. In a short time I received an autographed copy of *She's my Son, the Adrienne Clark Story*. Now I had information about a New Zealand person, written by a New Zealand author. I showed it to Elizabeth. It sat out so she could see it. If she read it, she never said anything.

As I had never been to a big gender convention, I invited Elizabeth to come with me to the Coming Together, Working Together in Houston, Texas in 1992. She asked how many people would be there. I said about 150. She declined my offer to go with me, although she helped me pick out some nice outfits to take. Esprit 92 was the next event. She declined to go to that one, too, but appeared to enjoy helping me pick out some suitable outfits to take. On both trips I did not know if she would be home when I returned.

When looking through *Tapestry* I saw something in the calendar of major events that was quite different, Peggy Rudd's Cruise to Alaska. Elizabeth had talked about several cruises she had enjoyed. We took the cruise and she met other members of our community.

There were four couples at our table, ourselves, one other from the gender community, and the other two from Canada. We all got along just fine. It was just the right amount of contact with others of the gender

community. We would generally see several members at an entertainment event in the evening. We also had plenty of time to ourselves. I believe there were four couples and four singles from the community on the cruise. Just perfect for my wife's introduction to members of our community.

How to get her to the next event? We have both been to Boston, England, so she could not say no to a chance to see Boston, USA. We had several days of sightseeing in Boston at our own speed via the Beantown Trolley. Then, it was off to Provincetown to the Fantasia Fair via the Plymouth and Brockton bus. She wanted to see the autumn colors.

There are many guest houses where the fairgoers stay. If you want to be by yourself, you can. There were other events to do. My wife went on the whale watch while I was in a speech class. It was here she mixed with my sisters. It was as if she got to know them faster than I did. She saw us dance. She heard us sing, cry, laugh. We had meals together. We played together. She was getting to know us, and she did mention that some of the girls were very nice.

I wanted my wife to know **What** I was and **Why** I was the way I am.

It was about this time I saw an article from Australia. Of all the literature I offered her to read, to my knowledge she only read this one. It was "The Other Woman," in the *Australian Woman's Weekly*. It is well written and to the point.

The next event was the big one, the Texas T Party. Since we had driven my 1929 De Soto to Alaska ten years ago, we decided to drive to Texas from our home in California to make a grand trip out of this event. The big difference was that this time, she was willing to travel with Charlene. We had a very positive and relaxing experience, no problems, even at truck stops and doing minor repairs to the car.

On The Riverwalk in San Antonio, at The Texas T Party

We both had heard of San Antonio and the River Walk while we were in New Zealand. It was not a disappointment! We attended many excellent events. One morning at breakfast she said to me, "I now understand what you have been going through. If I ever come across this in any of my family or friends, I will have compassion and understanding."

A week later we parted company. Perhaps we will never see each other again, but I know she takes with her our true character and the friendship we share.

There are many tools to help someone to understand us. The most important one is PATIENCE! As each gender event has something special to offer, investigate each one. In our case, the cruise was a key event to my wife's road to understanding us.

There are Significant Others groups (why not call them pot lucks, it would sound more friendly?), seminars, couples socials, and workshops. Find out what will work for you and remember what may have taken you years to accept, don't expect someone else to comprehend in one week. Also, you may do what I did: have a little side trip going to an event. It could make the difference of whether or not she will go. We did that for the trip to the T Party and saw a lot of interesting small towns. We even saw a ghost town!

My wife has returned to New Zealand. A different place in time with its own social structure and values. I hope she does not forget us.

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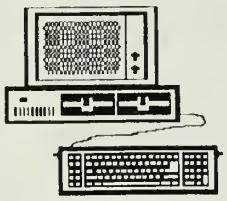

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# The Challenge of the Relationship for the Transgendered Individual

by Lauren Hotchkiss

Beyond the obvious challenge of living a lifestyle for which we have not been trained or conditioned, there comes the further difficulty of integrating a relationship with a significant other into our lives.

For some of us, the situation arises during the relationship, and so we must try to work with our spouse to redefine a relationship which began on a different basis. Others of us must contend with the prospect of initiating a relationship with this consideration in mind. This can be a somewhat intimidating prospect because of our fear of being rejected due to our choice of gender status.

Though we are consistently moving forward toward the goal of self-acceptance, and are learning to become more comfortable with ourselves, still we are challenged by the real and imagined judgments of others. This fear of judgment can be particularly intimidating when it involves a person or persons for whom we care a great deal.

It is often difficult for people outside of the gender community to perceive the difference between sex and gender. They often assume that if one is transgendered, it must also mean that they are gay, or at best bisexual. This is, however, not necessarily the case. Recent polls have shown a substantial majority of our community is heterosexually oriented, with the remainder divided between gay, lesbian, bisexual and asexual orientations.

What I have found interesting, in talking to persons of many different segments of the gender community, is that the same relationship challenges present themselves despite differences in sexual or gender orientation.

I wonder whether part of our motivation in crossdressing stems from the fact that we are perhaps subconsciously trying to transform ourselves into the mate that we have never found. We have been so conditioned to believe that we must look outside of ourselves in order to find someone with whom we can become complete, though constantly disappointed in the attempt, that we have lost sight of the fact that wholeness comes from within. Because of this misconception, we have found it necessary to create this second person within ourselves, and manifest them externally, in order to fill a self-perceived void.

What, though, are "masculine" and "feminine" but outmoded socio-sexist concepts that no longer have any purpose. Perhaps at one time they were necessary for humankind's survival, but that time is now long past. I feel it is time to leave behind this gender role separatism so that we can open ourselves up to the next level of our evolution. Perhaps one day the time will come when we will no longer have to think in terms of "crossdressing," or of expressing the "appropriate" gender, but in just being ourselves.

It occurs to me that perhaps in order for the transgendered person to have a successful relationship, it requires finding a partner who is in touch with his or her own bisexuality (at least on an energy level); someone who is attracted to a person who is capable of manifesting both the male and female essences of their inner self.

Although these are interesting points, I certainly don't claim to have any "answers," nor can I claim to be any kind of expert, not having been able to save my own marriage. I did not then have the consciousness to do what I needed to do to be at peace with myself. I've dated a couple of times since my separation, but somehow it just hasn't felt right for me yet; perhaps as much due to the after-effects of my divorce as it is to fear of rejection due to my gender orientation.

One thing that I have noticed that has shifted in me though, is the desperate "need" I once felt around "having" to be in a relationship in order to be happy. Yes, I sometimes feel lonely, but I feel that it is preferable to living a lie. I don't want to be again in a situation of having a partner with whom I must pretend to be something that I am not, nor do I want to prematurely get into a relationship that is not right, out of desperation, and repeating the same mistakes.

Because I often present myself androgynously, and use feminine gestures even as a man, women often perceive me as gay. I have wondered lately if I use this as a defense to keep me from getting involved. I'm not sure. It's an area I'm still exploring. Though I am not currently putting any energy into putting myself into situations where I might meet a potential mate, I am keeping an open mind toward what the future may hold for me.

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# Closet or Change:
## A Choice and a Chance

by Jessica Xavier

*Washington, DC:* The sounds of the drums are beginning to boom once again along the Potomac. Sounds I've not heard since the sixties, when I was a child. From the summer fury and fall campaign, the winter seeds have been sown. A dream is beginning to take root as a fragile flower blossoming in the chilly spring air. The natives are restless as the winds of change sweep in from the north, south and west. The people have spoken: change is what they want and change is what they'll get. Or will they?

Any student of politics cannot help but notice the striking parallels between 1961 and 1993. A new, young president comes to office after a decade of stagnation. Then the issue was race, now it is sexual orientation, but at heart it's still the same cause: basic civil rights. The right to freely associate. The right to housing. The right to be hired and promoted without job discrimination. The right to serve in the armed forces of your country. And, yes, if you remember the anti-miscegenation laws, the right to love and marry whom you choose.

But as Aristotle said in his *Politics*, "... the goal of political studies is not knowledge, but action." Unlike many African-Americans thirty years ago, American Gays and Lesbians have always had the right to vote. Now they have helped to elect a president who actually listens to us. And if those of us who care don't rush to his side to fight the conservative backlash, Bill Clinton's election will be for naught.

It is commonly accepted that the largest subgroup of transgendered persons in our country are the heterosexual crossdressers, so most of this is for you. If you are like most of your totally straight counterparts, many of you feel ambivalent about (if not distinctly apart from) the larger Gay and Lesbian community that harbors us. Some of you may feel a visceral disgust of homosexuality in general, and some of you may even be homophobes. Thus, it may be very difficult for you to understand how much you really *do* have in common with homosexuals. And the prevailing politics of our recent past have not done much to raise anyone's consciousness levels.

Unless you've been asleep, you might have noticed how effectively the Republicans and conservatives have controlled this country over the past twelve years. They did it by carving up the electorate into smaller subgroups they could manage by single, "wedge" issue politics like abortion or gun control or Willie Horton. Or even better, they set group against group by emphasizing the **differences** between people instead of our **commonalities**. They became the masters of the **politics of division**, using pro-choice advocates, single mothers, African-Americans, Gays and Lesbians, and others as their whipping boys.

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In our own (male to female) transgendered community the drags are very different from the crossdressers who are very different from the transsexuals. Yet we all wear dresses, and we all suffer for it. So we band together in the security of our little insular groups. And over time, in order to attract members and to survive, more and more transgendered groups have learned to practice the **politics of inclusion**, opening up their doors to members of different sexual orientations and genetic origin. Solidarity forever, everyone?

But, despite our trend toward openness, it is still quite easy for us to forget our common bond with the Gays and Lesbians. We transgendered **and** homosexuals are **all** born different to a society that neither understands nor accepts us. When discovered, we face the very same discrimination directed at Gays and Lesbians, and we also fall victim to acts of violence and harassment. Indeed, according to one recent estimate, half of the gay-bashing incidents committed in New York City have been against transgendered persons, because we are much more easily "read." And the medical, legal and insurance problems faced by transsexuals are enormous, due largely to a lack of the public's understanding of us. Similarly, when the HIV epidemic first broke out in the gay community, the public was largely unaware of the suffering, not only from the disease itself but also its ramifications.

Our invisibility, the essence of our existence, is a blessing and a curse. The safety it provides us also prevents the public from understanding us. Almost all transgendered persons live closeted lives, as did almost all Gays and Lesbians just 24 years ago. In those days they also felt it too dangerous *to be out* because of the scorn and ridicule they would face. That is, until a group of Latino drag queens rioted against police harassment at a small gay bar in New York City, until Stonewall. Today many of them can walk openly in the sun, cautious but free to express who they are and who they love. Working with and learning from them, we could get there too someday. **A future without fear. Imagine that...**

But because fear has held us so long in its iron grip, our vision has grown dim as we view our lives in the perpetual twilight of our closets. We are, each and every one of us, witnesses to the endemic fear, apathy and self-loathing within us. Sisters, the Gays and Lesbians **have been there**. In talking and sharing with them, I have found almost all of them happy to have us stand with them. Many are stunned to discover the common bonds we share with them. But up to this point, apart from a very few courageous individuals, the only politically active trans-gendered subgroup with whom they have had experience has been the drag queens, who are mostly homosexual themselves and thus more connected to the larger Gay and Lesbian community and its issues. Many in the Gay and Lesbian community see the drags as the sole representatives of the rest of our tiny closeted transgendered community. Must the silence of the TV/TS lambs linger forever?

We **have** a choice, and a chance, for change. This year we **can** make a difference: by coming to Washington, DC, for the 1993 March On Washington for Lesbian/Gay/ Bi Equal Rights. Our visibility **alone** will convince the more numerous Gay and Lesbian participants that we transgendered are finally ready and willing to be their partners in positive action. Their civil rights are ours, too. The rising tide can and will lift all boats. We can and must support them, burying our fears, our differences and our indifference itself. The old sixties saying rings true here: We who are not part of the solution are indeed part of the problem. The Gays and Lesbians know their **Out in Numbers** strategy will eventually work, judging from previous polls that have shown an increase in tolerance and acceptance by those who do, "personally know someone who is..."

Our silence can truly equal death. The next gay bashing statistic may be **you**, Sister! And the Republican conservatives and the religious right are already organizing their counter-attack to block President Clinton's opening up of the military. We must seize this moment, or retreat to suffer countless more decades in fear in our closets. Come to Washington this April 25. The drums along the Potomac are beckoning you...

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# The Pink Triangle Returns

by Ingrid Morgensolen

The present struggle for equal civil rights by Gays and Lesbians, and by extension, the Transgendered Community, may be won in the halls of Congress, but it may well be a Pyrrhic Victory for all of us.

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Consider, for example, the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement by the Black Community. Martin Luther King spoke of a society where a person would be judged by their ability, not by the color of their skin. Thousands upon thousands of people marched and protested, and many died, to achieve the goal of a "color blind society." As a result, laws were enacted to ensure the 'Rights' of minority groups. Race was no longer to be asked for on employment applications, nor was race to be a factor in hiring, assignment, promotion, and firing of any individual. It was certainly a milestone in correcting decades-long injustices.

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But then something strange started to happen. A means/ends inversion slowly took place. The idea of a 'color blind' society evolved into one of 'color awareness.' The bureaucrats, at all levels of government, became enamored of the idea that statistics could prove compliance, and aggressively set about to accumulate the necessary data. Employers were required to report the racial make-up of their labor force. Lawsuits by 'aggrieved' parties, based on these statistics, started to proliferate. Courts began to order municipalities to apply racial balancing criteria in the hiring and firing of Police, Fire Fighters, and Teachers.

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The provisions of the 1992 Civil Rights Act are tantamount to hiring quotas (by any other name). Governments, at all levels, must 'set aside' a certain percentage of contracts for minority businesses. Civil Service test scores, in some instances, are 'racially' adjusted to ensure minority hiring. A vast bureaucracy of government and private groups have emerged whose sole function is to ensure the 'rights' of selected minority groups.

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This same scenario may very well happen with the Gay, Lesbian, and Transgendered Community, should the proposed 'Gay Rights' Laws be passed. Unlike laws pertaining to race, where the race of a person can be determined visually with a 95% certainty (mixed race can be a 5% problem), the sexual orientation of a person is not so obvious.

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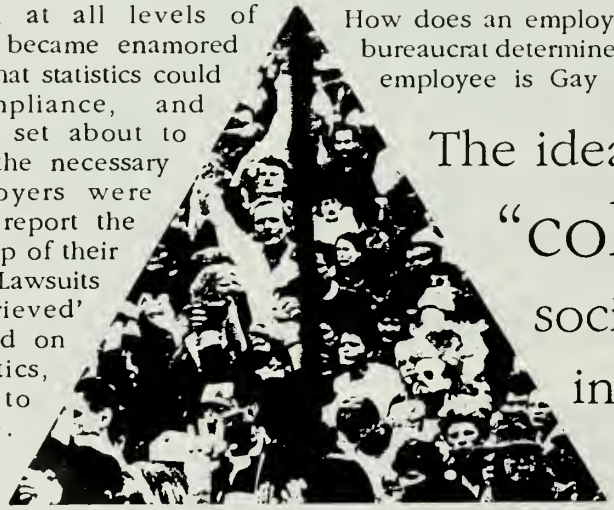
How does an employer and/or a bureaucrat determine whether an employee is Gay or Lesbian?



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How can it be determined if Gays and Lesbians are over/under represented in the work force? How can it be proven that someone was fired, or not hired; promoted, or not promoted, because they are Gay? Will sexual orientation now become a question on a job application? And, if a Gay or Lesbian answers no, or conversely, if a non-Gay answers Yes, can they be subsequently fired for making a false statement on that application?

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The answer to these questions, and many others, is very simple, and very bureaucratic. Require a PINK TRIANGLE be placed on all Gay individuals' records and a black triangle on all Lesbian individuals' records wherever applicable. Then, and only then, will an employer, civilian and military, be able to provide the proper statistics on percentages by race, sex, physical ability, and sexual orientation in the work force, so as to ensure compliance with the law.

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Given the present rhetoric, and emotion, regarding equal civil rights for Gays and Lesbians, I fear the Colored Triangles will not be imposed by the Jerry Falwells or the Pat Buchanans of this world. But rather, it will come from the nameless, faceless, bureaucrats, whose love for numbers and deep-seated pettiness which knows no bounds, and the politicians who are supposedly on our side.

# Through My Own Eyes

## by Cori Hess

*(This is a story/poem that I wrote when I was twenty years old. It was an attempt to put into words my sense of anguish and hopelessness. It was also an attempt to show that dreams are often true reflections of reality. It is purposefully written in a rather abstract or dreamy style, since at that time I refused to acknowledge the reality of my dream, and viewed most of the world around me in a dissociated fashion. I hope that it speaks to you, for in its own way, it contains a message of hope.)*

The man walks aimlessly, struggling slowly, blindly, purposelessly against the elements that lash mockingly at him. His face is tired and expressionless; a look of long-accustomed fatigue and suffering is in his unfocusing eyes. He walks in a contrast world of darkness and flashes of light that is his environment, endlessly haunting him. From nowhere, he has nowhere to go. He is strong; built of quiet, long-enduring power. Sound is all about him; harsh sounds that tear at his nerves. He is alone now, as he has always been alone. Time has no meaning for him, space is an abstract; for wherever he goes, he gets to nowhere new.

Rain rips at his face; he is cold and tired, so tired of wandering. His mind numb, he walks on, existing within his environment as one who is conquered, but not yet defeated. Timelessly does he wander in darkness, forever walking, forever searching

Suddenly, as if it existed always, there is a soft light about him, and he is warm; it is quiet. His innocent eyes behold, in the center of the light, a vision; a woman, lovely and soft, shimmering on the edge of reality. She gazes beckoningly and kindly upon him, and for a moment he has peace.

Who are you,oh man?Tell me your name that I may know you.

Her calm words come slowly to him, like some ethereal song. He is spellbound; the vision of her beauty absorbs him. His gaze falls only on her, and he hears himself saying,

I am he that has no name, yet many.

Speak, man; let me hear the names which you have not, for I would know you, and from whence you come.

She sings as her eyes search inside of him.

The man looks at her, and feels warmth and kindness from her. What manner of woman is this, he ponders, and why is she here? He finds his tongue loose and his voice flowing.

*Mooncalf* am I; the Wanderer. And *Questor*, he who seeks but finds not.

His words come to his ears as though spoken by another; the sanctity of the woman's beauty suffuses his reality; and he sees her, as if from his mind, outward, rather than with his eyes, inward. His voice continues.

Savanté call me; one who has learned, yet knows not. *Delphic* and *Sphinx* am I, the mystery.

Time stands still for him, and it is quiet; all is darkness around him but for where the woman stands, naked and lovely; moving slowly in a dilated time where all is ethereal; the exquisiteness of her womanhood burning into his heart

She speaks, softly, enticingly, in a voice that carries in its tone the very essence of her sex.

I know you, *Mooncalf,* and why you wander. *Questor* also is known to me, and what he seeks.

Her eyes burn into his soul; her voice brings madness, confusion, and rage born of panic; his spirit screaming, she continues.

My friend is *Savanté; Delphic* and *Sphinx* have I met, and are mysteries to me no longer.

His spirit is aflame; in anguish he screams and screams.

Who are you? Why does your gaze burn my very soul?

In panic he continues to cry out, with tears that span a lifetime, **"WHO ARE YOU?"** until he loses all reality

He awakes; peace and light surround him. His soft hand smooths his long hair back from his breasts; feeling now the curves of his body, he hears the woman answer.

"I am thee."

# Pretty Persuasion

by Selena Anne Shephard

PRETTY PERSUASION
**beginning**

*The sky will split*
*and the planets will shift*
*Little sister, the sky is falling*
*I don't mind, I don't mind.*
- Patti Smith

*I skate around the mall with a Walkman tuned into subversive sounds,* I am in search of secret passageways, people of unusual genders, spaces of unabashed desire, the teenage girls w/nasty tongues never look at me, yet they tell me stories from afar, strange, exotic tales they could never have gotten from television, they dress in layers, in bizarre mosaic patterns indecipherable, I listen for simple truths yet hear only complex lies, which, of course, are much more trustworthy, I purchase working class lingerie (I mean underwear) at Sears from a salesgirl who KNOWS but will never tell, I plead with her to scream it out, reveal the source of her despair, but she just laughs heartily and steals away into the hardware section, I call the security guards who arrest me for wearing plaid socks with a leather skirt, I manage to escape between the cracks, and return unscathed to the scene of the crime . . .

PRETTY PERSUASION
**middle**

*Jesus died for somebody's sins,*
*but NOT mine*
- Patti Smith

*I light a cigarette though I don't know how to smoke,* it seems natural at the time, I cross my legs, right over left, then left over right, I refasten my garter, smooth my skirt, fluff up my titties, I'm anticipating something but I'm not quite sure what it is, a recurring moment, perhaps, a (parenthetical thought), maybe, the merger of parallel lines, that's it, the merger of parallel lines, I remember vividly the secret dance I used to perform when I was nine and yearning —so awkward, so strange, so utterly incomprehensible—yet it couldn't be denied, it had a raw beauty to it that exhilarated me, I check between my legs to see what gender I am today, I find nothing in particular except an old beat up baseball mitt and two dozen rose petals, "I must be a guy," I say to myself, though I can't be certain, I never am, but I never give that away, there are much better things to give away, imaginary kisses, telltale signs, sideways glances, I dream of climbing Mt. Everest in my Maidenform bra, I never reach the peak, I wake up in a cold sweat . . .

PRETTY PERSUASION
**end**

*Pretty boy, can't you show me*
*nothing but surrender*
- Patti Smith

*We make love in a vacant lot, as it was meant to be,* cold asphalt below, full moon above, crickets chirping madly in the background, he is my dada daddy, I am his exotic drag princess in heat, when we kiss, our fantasies collide, explode, immersing us in minute particles of lust and longing, he touches me as if I wasn't there, when I cry out for more, he gives me less, the pleasure is all too much so I revel in the pain, he draws his sword and I my water pistol, we duel for hours into days, he backs me into a corner, I dive between his legs and make a run for the abandoned space between provocation and allure, between outrage and surrender, between perception and scandal, he calls for me, he pleads for me, he paints his face by numbers and recites nursery rhymes for me, remembering my name for the first time in weeks I reach out and pull him deep within, and hope he hasn't forgotten how to swim .

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# Finding The Male Within And Taking Him Cruising

## *Drag King For A Day* At The Sprinkle Salon

by Shannon Bell

Les Nichols in *Linda/Les and Annie-the First female to Male Transsexual Love Story*, says that the most amazing thing about being a man (Les is an F-2-M) is the 'respect.'

*I get much more respect as a male.*

I kept hearing this as I was getting my surface manhood at a recent "Drag-King For-A-Day" workshop facilitated by Diane "Danny" Torr (N. Y. performance artist/gender critic) and Johnny Armstrong (F-2-M crossdresser and editor of *Rites of Passage Magazine)* at The Annie Sprinkle Transformation Salon in New York.

As a veteran crossdresser, I am wondering how this "drag" experience is going to differ from my day-to-day gender fucking. I teach a course "Gender, Sex and Politics," and because for me performing theory is where it is at, I dress as a femme one day and wear men's clothing for the next lecture: men's suits, full leather gear—the snap-up pants were custom made for a male stripper who moved into lace and left them on the rack—and cowboy boots. The Drag-King flyer promises:

> We will teach you simple, repeatable techniques for changing your appearance and creating your own male persona.
> Moustache, five o'clock shadow, bushy eyebrows and flat chest are easily achieved.
> You will also learn specific gestures, phrases and tones-of-voice; and you'll be coached on the best ways to convincingly: DRESS / ACT / TALK / WALK / STAND / MOVE / DANCE / ETC. LIKE A REAL MAN!!

As he is doing my make-over, Johnny tells me, "Crossdressing is different when you get the hair on your face. You cease to be a woman wearing male attire, and can pass as a man." I got a moustache and sideburns, creating not the kind of guy I like to fuck, but SAM. SAM is a small, tight, SM top of few words and cruel sneers. SAM is not a boy like my more surface male part. SAM is a man. He is in his mid-to-late thirties. He is modelled on my cowboy twin cousins Harry and Hugh: same sideburns, same moustache, different hat—an SM leather hat. Why? Well, because the only sort of man I'd want to be is a gay man, and the sort of gay man I want to be is a slightly (though not much) more masculinized version of Sue, the hottest butch female SM top I know. Gender fucking is a composite activity. SAM is a simple but composite character, a postmodern guy.

We learn to talk slow: "Take all the time in the world, talk low, say few words," instructs Torr in an authoritative, low, commanding voice. Torr shows me and nine others how to stroll into a room as a man, how to sit, how to hold power, just hold it. It is interesting the different types of guys that we transformed into. In addition to SAM, there are a couple of corporate types two hippie-like bros who spent some time cruising Washington Square Park, dude friends and a sensitive intellectual in vest and tie. Torr herself has evolved through cowboy, leather boy to business man, and then the quintessential male: a 1950's Dad/Uncle character complete with 50's suit, tie, cufflinks, watch, felt hat, and cashmere overcoat. Who was Torr's inspiration? President Bush.

In the circle of power that we as a group form to talk about being male, Torr tells us about her study of quintessential male power. "I looked at Bush's State of the Union Address over and over again. I wanted to see what it was that he was doing with his body so that he could convey a sense of importance and authority while the content of his speech itself was idiotic. (If you remember, Bush came up with such profound words of wisdom as, 'If you have a hammer, find a nail, 'and, 'If you can read, find someone who can't.')" Torr tells us that what she realized was that Bush, "in his behavior, the way he uses his body is opaque. You can't read his face. Nothing is given away. You can't read him." And then for the big disclosure: "His whole body is an exercise in repression." Torr continues, "And I realized this is what it means to be the quintessential man—it is an exercise in repression."

SAM sure is glad be is a gay guy. But boy, something odd is happening to SAM's cock/pussy. Annie, who is in girl clothes (she has done male drag a number of times and is hosting this Salon as a girl), smiles at SAM. He melts. SAM is processing this: when he came in as Shannon, she talked to Annie, didn't melt. Now that he is a gay guy, SAM thinks Annie is the most beautiful woman he's ever seen. Well, gay guys have always had impeccable taste in women; I should know, my lover is one. And Annie has always had a sexual way with gay guys. Later, as Annie is doing photos for each of us, she flatters SAM by telling him he's real sexy and he sort of looks like Les Nichols. SAM is in heaven. Les is his kind of man. Wow! SAM knows he doesn't really look like Les, but boy this gets him grabbing his crotch and doing real sexy male poses for his photos. Annie can make a man out of anyone.

Back to the circle of power. The hippy bros tell how they had been repeatedly approached in

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Above : Diane "Danny" Torr, facilitator of the "Drag-King-For A-Day" Workshop

# SAM is a simple but composite character, a postmodern guy

Washington Square with the words, "Hey man," or, "Hey bro, want some smoke?" They had passed! Annie, holding onto the extra large icicle dildo that is handed from speaker to speaker, tells the group about a previous "Drag King For A Day" Salon where the passing activity was to go to a strip club on Forty-Second Street and watch the babes. Annie, a veteran of strip clubs as a performer and also as a sometimes female audience member, said it was totally different as a guy. She said, "These beautiful goddesses were on stage and the men, although they might be turned on, didn't appreciate them." Annie felt "sick and embarrassed to be a man."

Torr had arranged a passing event for us bros, an arts benefit just above the Village in the teens. We head off, occupying maximum space for the walk over. SAM is conscious of being a leather fag, especially after some helpful soul says to him, "Man, you belong in the Village." SAM knew he had an affinity group over on Christopher Street, but hey, he is going dancing with bros. We get to the club. Lots of good looking girls and guys talking and dancing. Some good looking men dancing with one another. People stare as we come in. It is not often that a leather guy, two corporate fellows, everybody's uncle, a couple of hippie bros and fellow dudes and a sensitive intellectual go out together. SAM looks around. He looks at one of the hippie bros, the one that looks like a young Robert DeNiro with long black hair and beard. Whoa, what a hunk of a guy! "Wanta Dance?" Uh, oh. SAM and his partner don't know how to dance like guys. Better find Uncle Danny Torr. Torr, in a bored paternal way, mumbles, "It's all about holdin' your hips still." Hey, he's right. Uncle Danny gives us the approving nod, chatting with some important-looking people.

SAM has arranged to meet his gay lover, G. Oh, boy, what will G. think

of SAM's moustache, sideburns and attitude? G. walks into the club, looks at SAM and says, "Ohh, boy!" SAM goes with G. for a late night dinner. Two gay men together at a sushi bar on Avenue A. My lover looks like Genet and acts like a blend of Genet, a masculine Jewish mother, prince of the patriarchs and a hustler. It is the first time in eight years that there has been no sexual spark between us: two tops out for eats. We sneer at each other a few times, say "Yep, nope." The thing about being a guy with a moustache is perfecting that male smile. I sneer at the sushi makers a couple of times. Set them at ease. "Yep, I'm a guy "

Outside, two lesbians, one a platinum blond in a leopard skin print coat and the other a brunette in vinyl, stop me. They pat my arm and ask me questions to which I have to answer more than three words. Ever wonder why really cool stereotypical guys don't talk much? Their voices would go up. "Why, yeah, I (rising voice) know where the Pyramid is." Oh what the hell, I ask, "Going to the Clit Club, huh? There is a really gorgeous stripper called Trash on at midnight." They smile (actually laugh). They know how hard it is to be a man.

SAM strokes the side of his moustache and thinks, "Those sure were beautiful, funky lesbians." They liked SAM. They thought he was cute. Huh, "cute." Okay, so it's hard to trick funky lesbians. Let's see how SAM does with your regular kind of guy: Mr. Hegemonic Heterosexual. Mr. H. H. for short.

G. and I are making our way home. SAM tells the cabby where to go, "7th and West 24th, buddy. "

*"Okay man,"* replies the driver. G. and I stop at an Italian restaurant in Chelsea for dessert to take home. The restaurateur (Mr. H. H.) says to SAM, *"What can I do for you, sir?"* SAM likes that. Yep, he's a sir. SAM says, *"Well, I'll have one of them and one of them."* I notice G. halves the pastry with SAM fair and square, none of his usual sneaking a bit more. *"Thanks, buddy."* G. rolls his eyes. SAM's not his favorite among my parts. We swagger home. I have a plan for G.

SAM takes his clothes off, looks at G. and says, slowly, because tough guys always say it slow, "Bring it here." G. does. I've always wondered what it is like to suck with a moustache. It's a riot. SAM commands. G. does. SAM turns around to sneer at G. a bit, let him know he is doing an okay job. Feeling affectionate, SAM says "Hi, little buddy."G.'s had it, "That's it. SAM's just not my type." SAM's not insulted. "Oh yeah? Your loss buddy!" G. tries sweetness, "Come on Puggy, take the moustache off. Let's go to bed." I do because I want to talk. "What do you think of SAM? SAM's the greatest isn't he?"

SAM had arranged to meet Danny Torr's alter ego Diane Torr a couple of days later to find out how such a hot woman knows so much about being a man. It turns out Torr has been working crossing gender and crossing continents in her performances since the early 80's. Torr has performed all over the U.S., in Canada and in Germany, Holland, Belgium, England and Italy. Her most recent show (last March at P.S. 1222 in N.Y.) *Ready Aye Ready* subtitled *A Standing Cock Nae Constance,* is a refurbishing of 18th Century Scottish poet Robert Burns as a crossdresser. Torr, who teaches movement and dance, is a Shiatsu masseur, and has a black belt in Aikido, offers a whole weekend Sexual Transformation Workshop. She takes people back to the amoeba stage where there is only one sex. She then brings them through evolution to the gendered beings they are today. Torr says that in the amoeba space people tend to become polymorphic: "beings with thoughts and gestures that are not encoded in western civilization." This is quite unlike the"Drag-King-For-A-Day" workshop based on the acquisition of the gendered movements and gestures that are socially constructed in the male body.

I ask Torr what she thinks the Drag King workshop does for the women who take it. Diane tells me, "Part of what happens at the Drag King workshop is that women learn certain things: we don't have to smile, we don't have to concede ground, we don't have to give away territory." She pinpoints the moment when she realized that all women would benefit from developing a masculine alter ego and using it in their lives to get ahead: it was when she was in male drag visiting a female friend in the hospital. Torr could get answers from the doctor that her female friend couldn't, just by virtue of the fact that she was a man. "These gestures that get results are available to everyone. They are just gestures of authority that men have claimed as masculine."

Diane tells this great story about Danny out on the town, passing. Danny went to the big bi-annual event at the Whitney Museum.

"I saw some of my girlfriends. I waved to them. They just ignored me and walked straight past, or they looked through me. I thought, 'Oh, my God, I am incognito. I am in disguise. Nobody recognizes me. I am a man. I am passing as a man.' Then I began to sweat. I really began to feel a bit nervous because I thought, 'Oh, God, can I pull this off?' But people just seemed to accept that I was a man and that was it. Then the real test came: this woman came around and started chatting me up. I was dumbfounded, completely speechless. I didn't want to talk because I didn't want her to hear my female voice, so I kind of turned away. Then I realized that this was the correct thing to do to engage her even further. She just accepted it as perfectly normal behavior that I should be disdainful and contemptuous, and she continued gesticulating madly, obsequiously. She wasn't the kind of woman Danny or Diane likes. I made some sort of grunting gesture and split."

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Above: Shannon "SAM" Bell

# Philadelphia Freedom

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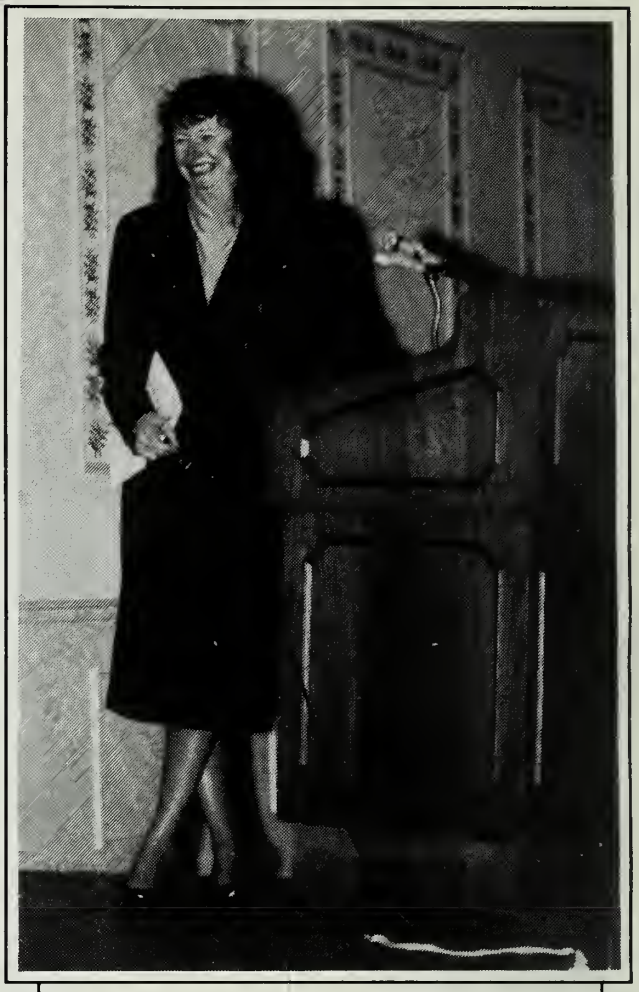

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*Center:* **JoANN ROBERTS** (PA) at her keynote speech (and her birthday!)

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◀ **JENNIFER RICHARDS** (MO) Mistress of Ceremonies, Trinity Awards

## THE VIRGINIA PRINCE AWARD

The Virginia Prince Award for community service is our community's highest award. Named in honor of the awards's first recipient, it is to honor the one member of our community who has given the greatest lifetime contribution to our community. It is to honor our leaders, founders, and pioneers the ones who fought the battles, led the troops, and provided the effort as well as the inspiration over a period of years. It is to honor our sisters and brothers who created our community's history.

**CAROL BEECROFT, Recipient, 1993**

Carol began serving our community in 1969 when she first brought her administrative abilities to FPE and became president of the Alpha Chapter. In 1971 she founded Mamselle Sorority, and developed our community's first executive board. In 1973 she organized the first public event for our community, and in 1974 organized the first support group for wives. In 1976 her organization merged with FPE and she became the director of the new organization, Tri-Ess. She founded the *Femme Mirror* and the Holiday En Femme event, and under her leadership Tri-Ess has become the largest and most successful organization of its kind in the world.

# THE TRINITY AWARD

**HOLLY CROSS** ▶

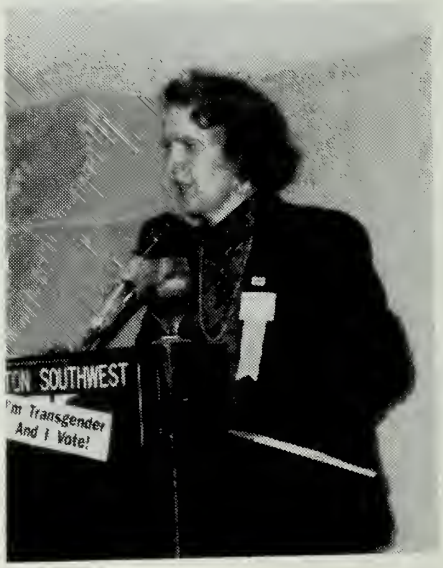
Holly's selection was based on love, to honor her more than 5,000 hours of volunteer service to our community. During that time she personally responded to more than 10,000 letters, and has talked to countless thousands of people on the phone. She has done all this while asking for nothing more than the opportunity to be of help.

◀ **JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX**

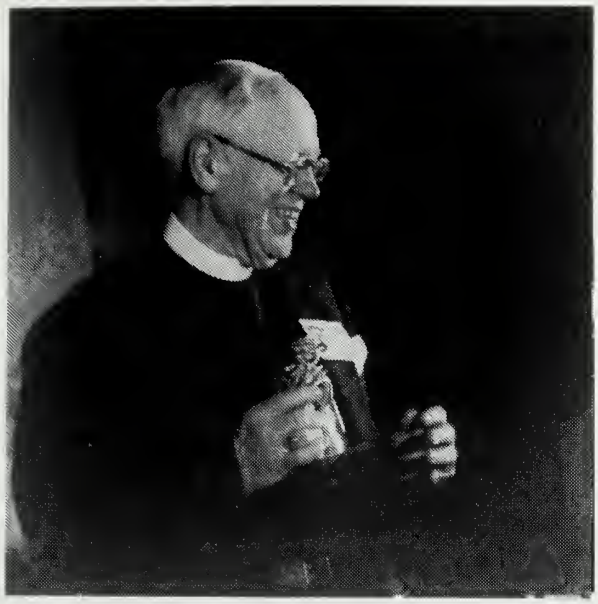
Jane Ellen's selection was based on love, to honor her work to bring a sense of cooperation and respect among all people in our community regardless of their gender or sexual orientation. It was also based on her work, together with her wife Frances, on issues concerning wives of crossdressers and their families.

**PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE** ▶

Phyllis's selection was based on courage, to honor her heroic struggle against legal discrimination which resulted in the repeal of the Houston anti-crossdressing ordinance, and her ongoing fight for individual liberties, and lesbian/gay/transgender rights.




**The Trinity Award** is our community's second highest award. While the Virginia Prince Award is to honor our leaders, the Trinity Award is to honor our heroes and heroines. It is to acknowledge extraordinary acts of love and courage.



### THE REVEREND CANON CLINTON R. JONES

Canon Jones's selection was based on love, to not only honor extraordinary 20-year contribution to our community, but to honor his compassion for our people and his benevolent work with countless members of the XX Club and the New England Gender Clinic as well. He is without question on e of the most beloved and respected friends of our community in the world.

### PEGGY RUDD, EdD

Peggy's selection was based on love. Peggy is the wife of a crossdresser who not only supported her husband with compassion and understanding, she used her skills as an educator, an author, and a leader to reach out with love to the entire cross-gender community.

### CHRISTINA YOUNG

Christina's selection was based on love. Christina is a new woman who for many years worked quietly behind the scenes without thought of personal recognition, motivated only by the desire to help others. Upon completion of her transition, she had every right to withdraw and get on with her life, but because of the need people have for her, she continues to respond.

**The Renaissance Education Association** did a fantastic jobas the 1993 convention host organization. But, by far their greatest achievement was the fund raiser, **Chez Renaissance Casino.** The idea was simple: throw a great party, have lots of fun, and spend lots of money. The result was raising $2500 for the **Make A Wish Foundation,** a group that grants the wishes of dying children.

The feel-good moment of the convention came when Alison Laing, host organization coordinator presented a check for $2500 to the representative from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Upon receiving the check , the representative stepped up to the mike and said, "Coincidentally, the average cost of a wish is $2500. You have just granted a dying child one last wish."

NOTHING BEATS A SHARP DRESSED MAN! Sheila, Y'Vonne & Andrea chum it up with the boys, excuse me, MEN!

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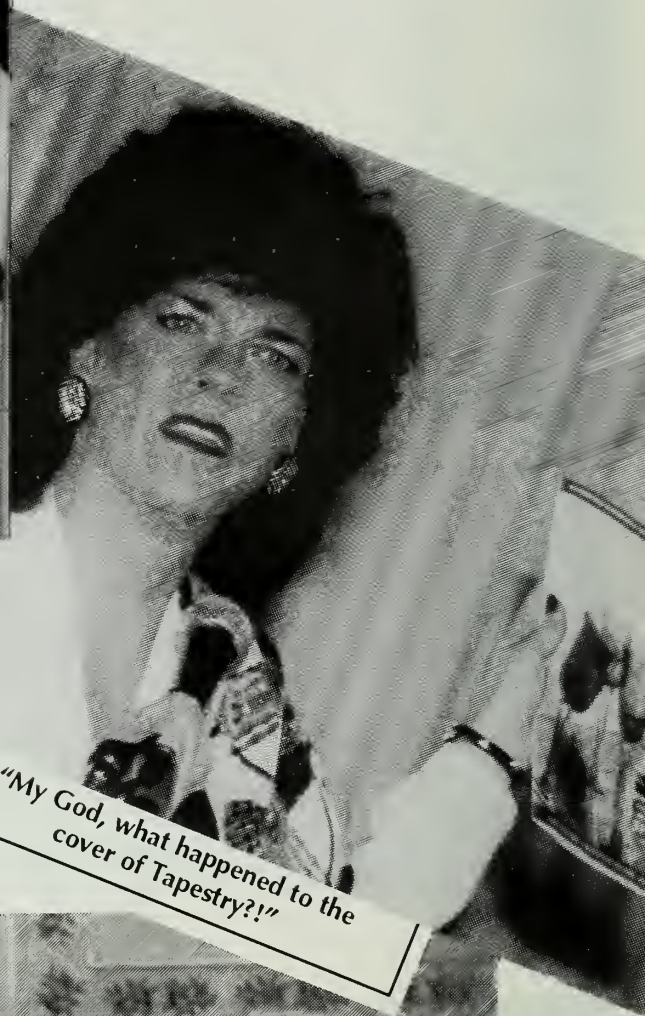
Passing the IFGE football is a tradition started by ETVC, the 1989 convention host organization. The pass not only symbolizes the passing of responsibility from one host organization to the next, it carries with it the promise of support from last year's host to next year's. This simple ceremony conveys the passage of knowledge, experience, and cooperative action.

**Alison Laing**, Renaissance Educational Association, Coordinator 1993 convention host organization, passes the IFGE football to **Ellen Summers**, Northwest Gender Alliance, Coordinator 1994 convention host organization.

"Okay, I caught it. Now what?"

"Go To Your Room!"



"My God, what happened to the cover of Tapestry?!"

"Now, let ME tell him the way it REALLY is!"

**"You will do it this way, understand"**
**"Yes Sir!"**

**"I'm a sexologist, what do you expect me to say?!"**
- Dr. Bill Stayton, Keynote Speaker

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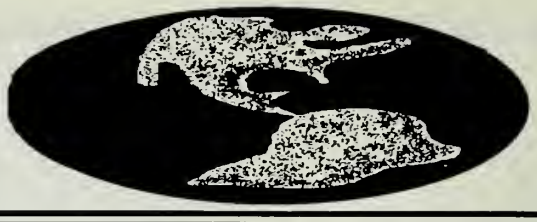

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## NEW ZEALAND GROUP CEASES OPERATIONS

*(The following information comes over Leone Neil's signature.)*

**The Minorities Trust of Wellington, New Zealand** effectively ceased operations on December 31, 1992. It is now in indefinite recess and no longer functioning. **Transcare New Zealand** continues indefinitely to service the New Zealand gender community, and others in NZ and overseas as it is able to do so. The magazine *Transcare* will cease publication after February, 1994 unless circumstances change for the better.

The Trust's photocopier was stolen. A week later, recovering from the shock, Leone was granted a state accomodation, but very much smaller than where she was located in the Trust premises. It is a one-bedroom semi-detached house. The Trust premises had to be vacated and a lot of accumulated material disposed of including stationery and furniture. Only the most essential Trust *Transcare* material could be retained for future reference and use. Back issues of the magazine had to be discarded. Overseas material was kept for reference.

**Leone Neil** is no longer able to meet any financial costs involved with operating Transcare NZ.

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## NEW BBS FORMING IN CONNECTICUT

**PCI** is a newly forming Computer Access Service that also wishes to be a Transgenderism BBS and have text files on Transgender matters. They shall be a public access service and shall be available for access for anyone who has a sincere interest in this subject. PCI is very much interested in hearing from other BBSs, transgenderists, medical professionals, etc. You may send any files, articles, etc., preferably on computer disk, to our mailing address to help us with setting up the system and having a number of files available. We can scan and convert most any printed matter to computer format.

We are not on line at this time, but plan to be in the very near future. We shall be having other areas of interest in our computer system. We look forward to hearing from the transgender community and those associated with the transgendered community.

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## GENDER DIVERSITY
### AND THE NEED FOR NEW PROGRAMMING AT OPEN GENDER CONVENTIONS

*by Holly Boswell*

As our gender community evolves, we have an increasing responsibility and opportunity to serve the diverse needs of our people. In addition to local support networks and publications, conventions have become an important means of sharing and processing new and vital information with each other. The content of convention seminars both reflects and impacts upon our community at all levels, expediting dialogue and forging the tools we need to refashion our lives as healthy transgendered people.

Open gender conventions such as **IFGE's Coming Together, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort,** and **Fall Harvest** are trend-setting examples of their diversification and all-inclusiveness. Concurrently, there will always be a need for specialized events like **Holiday En Femme** and the **New Woman Conference.** In fact, most of the programs that go into the open conventions are started and developed in the specialized events. Certain kinds of programming, however, will have to originate elsewhere. If the curricula of open conventions are to evolve, several areas of concern must be addressed and expanded in order to supplement the current fare of TV/TS programs:

- More programming for F2Ms (TS, CD, TG, et al.),
- Programming that more fully addresses the needs of our auxiliary communities (Significant Others, families, psychology educators, and the many helping professionals who try to serve us),
- Addressing more psychosocial issues (e.g., managing stress and depression, building self esteem, communication styles of men vs. women, etc.),
- Progressive "women's issues" for the M2F TS (assertiveness training, anti-discrimination tactics, new roles for women, etc.),
- More activity **outside** the classrooms as well (the possibilities here are endless, and can involve experiential learning as well as recreational enjoyment).

Southern Comfort has recognized the need for a whole new track of programming devoted to Transgender issues. This addresses the fact that the polarization between CD and TS programming

leaves a very significant gap. There are actually **GAPs** (Gender Alternative People, as Billie Jean Jones says) whose issues lie in realms other than makeovers or SRS. Unlike most CDs and TSs who wish to adopt traditional gender roles, TGs and other GAPs often find themselves in uncharted territory making uniquely personal expressions of gender and lifestyle. They discover meaning and support through anthropological studies of third sex phenomena, psychological insights into androgyny, and spiritual world-views based on the divine integration of male and female. Some may feel especially motivated as social activists to work toward gender liberation through education, mediation, consensus-building, and various forms of healing. As more GAPs present themselves, more programming can fill the voids. Meanwhile, Southern Comfort's pilot TG track offers seminars on:

✢ The Diversity of Gender Alternatives,

✢ Personal Integration and Individuation,

✢ Reconciliation of Self with Family and the World,

✢ Traditions and Future Trends of Transgenderism,

✢ Transgender Perspectives on Spirituality,

✢ Networking, Outreach, and Activism in the Gender Community.

I would be happy to assist anyone interested in developing new programs for conventions or elsewhere. I also welcome ideas or resources that anyone else cares to share to further this endeavor. You may write to me in Asheville, NC. General inquiries about Southern Comfort should go to the Georgia address.

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# COUPLES' SUPPORT GROUP
## Formed In Massachusetts

Meets the first and third Monday nights each month.

Let's face it, couples have issues. Challenges, conflicts and disagreements are all part of a committed, long-term relationship. Add to an already complex situation—marriage, cohabitation, whatever describes your relationship—the additional challenge of issues associated with crossdressing or transsexuality, and life may be VERY complicated and frustrating!

If you fall into this category, perhaps you're ready for some SUPPORT; a chance to share both the issues and their solutions; an open forum to discuss your frustration, anxiety, fears, concerns and, yes, even your joys! Provided you live in the Boston area, you're in luck! On Monday, May third, a COUPLES' SUPPORT GROUP began at the IFGE office in Waltham.

The plan is to gather at the office, 123 Moody Street, Waltham, the first and third Mondays of each month from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. We will decide whether to continue through the summer,

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# WOMEN ARRESTED
## FOR WEARING INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING

In 1675, 38 women were brought before a Connecticut magistrate in a case involving sumptuary laws. They were accused of wearing clothes that did not befit their social position. One young girl was accused of "wearing silk in a flaunting manner, in an offensive way." During the same year, 30 men were arrested for wearing silk and sporting long hair.

*(Reprinted from Clarksburg, WV* Telegram.*)*

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# GAY PUBLISHING HOUSE HONORED
## IN APRIL CEREMONY

The public was invited to the presentation of the New England Book Awards at the Rabb Lecture Hall of the Boston Public Library on April 28th. The event honored New England authors and publishers. Among the recipients this year was Boston-based Alyson Publications, an exclusively gay and lesbian publishing house.

Founded in 1981 by Sasha Alyson, Alyson Publications filled a publishing void with books for the gay and lesbian community. Despite all obstacles, the press has flourished with books for gay teenagers, books for the children of gay and lesbian parents, such as the controversial *Daddy's Roommate*, books about HIV and AIDS, and a variety of gay and lesbian fiction and non-fiction.

Also honored in the ceremony were Jill McCorkle for Fiction Writing, Donald Hall for Non-Fiction Writing, and William Steig for Children's Books.

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# RESEARCH PROJECT INTO RELATIONSHIPS OF CROSSDRESSERS

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De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill,
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or pause and resume in the fall. A nominal fee is charged to cover expenses.

This group is for ALL couples in committed relationships—gay, straight, pre-and post-operative transsexuals, crossdressers, and their partners—who all share these issues. Facilitators are Clyde and Deborah, who have been married for two years, together for five. Clyde has had facilitator training with Insight Seminars and is on the road to becoming a psychotherapist. Deborah is a physician who has crossdressed since his/her early teenage years. Both are dedicated to personal growth and exploration, and assisting others along this path.

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# SPICE

## A Conference for Wives & Partners of Crossdressers

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Programs will be geared to the understanding and growth of our womanhood and personhood—learning self-esteem and liking ourselves. Other programs will be available dealing with religion, children, husbands and wives programs, programs solely for the husbands who attend, and compromise.

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# HAWAII

## Attorney General Okays State Identification WITHOUT Sex Designation

A letter from the Deputy Attorney General of Hawaii.
Re: **Gender Designation of Certificates of Identification.**

This responds to your letter of June 1, 1992, requesting that you be permitted to choose which gender is designated on the civil identification card issued by the Data Center of this office. Although the Attorney General does not agree that applicants should be permitted to choose which gender appears on the civil identification card, he was persuaded to allow applicants to leave the field blank if, for any reason, an applicant objects to using the sex designation information on his or her birth certificate in that field.

Many residents of the State of Hawaii who lack a driver's license or credit card rely on the civil identification cards which the Data Center issues to cash checks, secure Kamaaina rates and the like. The law's legislature history acknowledges that this is one of the reasons the civil identification program has been maintained by the legislature. We do not want our certificates of identification to lose their utility and eventually be rejected by the business community.

Nevertheless, the Attorney General has been persuaded to allow individuals to determine the extent that his or her identification card is useful. Accordingly, the present policy has been revised to allow individuals to opt to receive civil identification cards on which the gender field is blank.

Please note, however, that individuals must provide gender information which can be corroborated by birth certificate for the Data Center to collect and maintain under Haw. Rev. Stat. 846-28(6).

Very truly yours,
Chelun Huang
Deputy Attorney General

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# GARD,

## ASSOCIATION OF DRAG ARTISTS FORMED IN TORONTO, CANADA

**GARD** was founded in December, 1992 by **Sacha MacKenzie** (of DQ fame) in response to the ever growing need for a strong, united voice. The Association chose its name and executive on January 31, 1993. The anagram GARD (DRAG spelled backward) was the brainchild of designer and Drag Artist **Stephen Searle**.

GARD membership is open to all members of the Drag community, be they Drag Queens, Drag Kings, Hairdressers, Dressmakers, or friends and followers of Drag everywhere. At the time of this writing, the quickly growing membership stands at over forty enthusiastic supporters with a great deal of interest expressed by many more members of the Drag community.

GARD's present mandate is:

**1.** To form a non-profit organization that will act as the official voice of the Drag community, and to promote Drag Pride,

**2.** To further develop the strong bonds of solidarity and sisterhood among Drag artists which has grown out of the AIDS epidemic,

**3.** To be a resource center for professional development and standards,

**4.** To maintain and nurture existing venues and develop new ones,

**5.** To be a powerful new fund raising organization hosting a huge annual event and to work in tandem with other Drag-positive organizations,

**6.** To work towards breaking down the racial and social barriers in the Drag community,

**7.** To reaffirm that Drag is fun, and to protect that fun from those who feel that it is not,

**8.** To chronicle Toronto's long and respected tradition of Drag.

In addition to many smaller projects, the Association hopes to fill part of the gap left by the Lesbian and Gay Community Dance Committee. We hope to host the following fund raisers over the next year: A Drag Party for Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, 1993; A Costume Ball at Hallowe'en; A Mardi Gras Ball in February 1994.

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# HARRIET LANE DIES

I first met Harriet Lane at a party late in the spring of 1989. It was at a wig shop in a small town in Connecticut whose owner enjoyed hosting informal get-togethers for a small, very discreet group of TVs and a few of their wives. She sold a few wigs, we had a place to go, and everyone was happy.

Into this somewhat sedate scene swaggered approximately 6'4" and 275 pounds of former pro-football player and his entourage of TVs, pre-ops, and a stray genetic female or two.

This unlikely figure introduced himself to me as Harriet Lane and invited me to a party at his house the following weekend. I was just starting my coming out process, still looking for the answers to a lot of questions. One thing I couldn't help noticing was that Harriet's crew seemed to be having a lot more fun than our prim little group. It occurred to me that a little fun might go well with all the fear and anxiety that went with being a novice crossdresser.

I took Harry up on his offer, and would up staying for four days, remaining en femme the whole time. That is how I grew to be one of Harriet Lane's miracles. I don't think I ever attended another gathering at that wig shop. I did manage to find my way back to Harriet's several times a month for the next few years.

Since then I have belonged to several different support groups in the New England area. I have been lucky enough to attend a number of workshops, weekends, and conventions around the northeast. I've been to my share of drag bars and parties. I have yet to experience anything anywhere that resembled the unique energy and atmosphere that was so much a part of Harriet Lane's TV Set.

Aunt Harriet did not have meetings, she had parties. She had parties on the second and fourth Saturday night of every month, since forever. The physical location changed several times over the years, but somewhere in Connecticut, Harriet was having a party. It was a sure thing.

One quality of the TV Set was its openness to everyone: post-ops, pre-ops, no-ops, frivolous fops, and crossdressers of every imaginable description were welcome. A gay hairdresser or a TV martial arts instructor were equally comfortable. Attitudes were not tolerated.

Harriet was not running an educational program. Nevertheless, it was a great place to learn. It was a great place to get to know people from all over the gender spectrum. At Harriet Lane's you could learn from people's ideas, their experiences, and even their mistakes. I learned a lot about what I am and what I am not there. Harry had one of the most open groups that I have ever seen, where close friendships were formed across the boundaries of different lifestyles. If intolerance and judgmental attitudes are the problem, then Harry had something a

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lot like an answer. Harry had little tolerance for the phony. He may have alienated some, but he endeared himself to a great many more.

Harry was a tough guy, a hard case. Wasn't nobody gonna put one over on Big Harry, that's for sure! Unless you needed someone to talk to, a place to dress, $40 to make your rent, or pay the doctor this week. When did Harry ever not have a roommate, or a houseguest, or a houseguest with a houseguest? A real tough guy.

We've come a long way from the days when you had to go to the special apartment at the right time on a certain day and use the secret knock to gain admittance. We all owe an enormous debt to those pioneers who are responsible for the enormous progress we've made. Harry stands as one of those original pioneers. Maybe he was a little more original than most, but he was one of the folks who invented that secret knock, and I don't think he ever failed to answer.

I hope Harry will forgive my selfishness when I say I'm glad he was a TV. Otherwise he would not have been there for me, and for all my friends, and God only knows how many who came before us. I remember saying good bye to Harry, no it was Harriet that day, after that first four day visit back in 1989. I had changed back to my male self and loaded up my car. Just before I left, (s)he said, "Take care of yourself, kid, you're special!"

I'm glad you felt that way, Big Guy, you were very special, too!

Harriet Lane passed away on Monday morning, the first day of March. She will be missed.

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# Pamphlet Clears Up Biblical Position On Homosexuality

**Dean Merrill** has researched and written a 15 page pamphlet on what the Bible says about homosexuals. Merrill's research reveals that the Bible does not speak of gays.

Dean became curious as to what both the Old and the New Testaments really do say about homosexuals. He spent five years talking with ministers and researching scholar's writings. Now he has published his research, *The Bible and the Homosexual.*

Dean found that of the thousands and hundreds of words, pages, stories, laws, and commandments in the Bible, none deals with people who have a homosexual orientation.

Biblical times did not know homosexuality as a psychological identity, so the Bible never deals with homosexuals themselves. The Bible only deals with homosexual acts. And it always deals with these acts as part of idolatry, sacred prostitution, promiscuity, rape, seducing children, or violating hospitality.

It was not until 50 A.D. that a writing first associated the sin of Sodom with homosexual acts. Until that time, it was always understood to be a lesson in hospitality. Ezekiel 16:49-50 says:

> *Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.*

Researching the Old Testament, Dean found it refers to the sin of Sodom several times. None of these references mentions homosexual acts. The Old Testament also mentions homosexual acts several times, but it never mentions Sodom as an example.

In Deuteronomy and Leviticus, the Yahwist and Priestly authors of the Old Testament gave the rules for the tribe of Israel. Dean found that, when considering homosexual acts, these authors had two main concerns. First, the Hebrews did not believe in personal immortality. They understood the everlasting relation with God to be an act of the tribe. To be childless for any reason was to not participate in this covenant. Second, the need to populate the tribe was a major concern for the small nation with powerful neighbors. Homosexual acts were not reproductive. Also, not worshipping idols became an important distinction between the people of Israel and their neighbors. Homosexual acts, as part of the Hellenistic world's fertility worship, became associated with idolatry and temple prostitution. In Deuteronomy 23:17, Dean found the main concern of the Hebrews toward homosexual acts:

> *None of the Israelite women shall become a temple prostitute, nor shall any of the Israelite men become a temple prostitute.*

As a Christian, Dean particularly enjoyed learning about the New Testament references to homosexual acts. They are all found in Paul's letters to early Christian communities.

Unlike the simple fishermen who were Jesus' disciples, Paul was an early convert who never knew Jesus. He was also from the wealthy class, was well educated in Stoic philosophy, popular at the time.

Stoicism held the passions of pleasure, sorrow, desire, pity and love as irrational and, therefore, "unnatural." Any affectionate and sexual relationships were "unnatural" because they bred passions. Because of the Stoic interpretation, the Eve story became symbolic of temptation and lust. Females were seen as mutilated males, this "accident" often caused by warm winds blowing at the time of "planting the seed."

In his letters teaching Stoicism to the Romans, Corinthians, and Timothy, Paul did make a few references to homosexual acts. His concern was always with idolatry. He reasoned that only when abandoning their true god for idol worship could a person abandon what Paul considered their sexual "nature." At the time Paul was writing his letters, there were names for people who did homosexual acts, but Paul never used these words in his letters.

Dean learned that the closest the Bible comes to commenting on homosexuals themselves is found in an account in Matthew. Matthew quotes Jesus in terms that agree with our present psychological and scientific understanding of homosexuality.

While Jesus never directly spoke of gays or homosexual acts, he did speak of eunuchs. This passage is from Matthew 19:12-13, given while Christ was speaking of marriage and divorce:

> *All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.*

The New Testament was written in Greek from the Hebrew oral tradition. Dean discovered that Hebrew, Greek, and the translation between them used the term eunuch two ways: literally, meaning the castrated; symbolically meaning those who do not marry and/or bear children. In Matthew 19, scholars generally agree Jesus was including all the sexual outcasts of Israel in the new covenant of God.

Dean's fifteen page booklet is full of facts and is written to be easy to read. For a copy of *The Bible and the Homosexual,* send $4 to:

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# GAY & TRANSVESTITE BASHING
## INCREASES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Violence against gays in the Bay State shot up 14 percent in 1992 according to statistics compiled by the **Fenway Community Health Center**. There were 238 incidents reported of attacks against gays, lesbians and bisexuals involving 366 individuals and 16 organizations, the Center's Victim Recovery Program reported.

This is the fifth year in a row VRP has reported an increase in attacks since it started collecting data in 1988.

"This report charts the alarming pervasiveness of the attacks on gay men and lesbians in Massachusetts," said **Michael Savage**, executive director of Fenway Community Health.

"Government officials and law enforcement agencies must intensify their efforts to stem the backlash against gay men and lesbians that we are witnessing throughout the nation and at home."

The Fenway Community Health Center is the state's second largest provider of medical and related services to people who are HIV-positive or have AIDS.

Of the 238 incidents, 168 were attacks and vandalism or threats of attacks or vandalism. Seventy-nine incidents were physical attacks, with the victims of 54 of those incidents requiring medical attention.

Across the state, 20 establishments owned by gays or lesbians were vandalized. Men were attacked during 144 incidents and a woman or groups of women were attacked 18 times while transsexuals were attacked twice.

There were 128 incidents in Boston and 35 in Cambridge. Seven other towns each reported two incidents, while 34 municipalities reported one incident each.

Nationwide, antigay incidents increased by 4 percent according to the Anti-Violence Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

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## CHRISTEL GRÜWALD DECEASED, HAMBURG SUPPORT GROUP CLOSED

Christel Grünwald died as the result of an accident last year. Unfortunately, she had been the mainstay of the Hamburg TV Club. Thus the Hamburg TV Club is no longer operating. We regret to bring this sad news, and join Christel's friends in their grief over her parting.


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The group practice offers 30 years of combined experience in the treatment of hirsutism and superfluous hair. Frequently, doctors in specialties of endocrinology, dermatology, and plastic surgery refer their patients to Electrolysis Unlimited. They are confident that Ildiko and her associates, in Clinton, or Beth Sheeter, RE, CCE, and Tracy Couls, RE, in Troy will achieve the desired result.

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Women of all ages have happily discovered the permanent positive change electrolysis treatments can provide, both physically and psychologically. And more men have made the same discovery. Many men are now seeking relief from hypertrichosis, or unusually thick hair found on the neck, back and chest, and also smaller areas, such as the ears, nose hair line and beard.

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# NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW & EMPLOYMENT POLICY

In California there was a court ruling that reinstated an avowed gay sailor to his position in the military. Details of this matter are only what has been seen in media. This was buttressed by President Clinton's movement to remove the rules against Gay/Lesbian/Transgendered persons serving in the military. It appears that the matter is moving toward a favorable resolution, but it is clear that it is a long way from being a fait accompli.

Parallel to that matter is the issue in Colorado. Amendment 2 has been restrained from going into effect by **Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless**. The judge made clear in his decision that the matter of whether or not the amendment was constitutional was yet to be determined, but he found convincing evidence had been presented to restrain effect saying, "The state's gays and lesbians had shown an 'urgent necessity' for an injunction because Amendment 2 might subject them to state endorsed discrimination." He also upheld the claimed violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution without ruling specifically as a matter of law. In other words, he indicated that the outcome would doubtless in his opinion lead to the Amendment being declared unconstitutional for violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments. The judge concluded that the amendment addresses status rather than conduct. He said, "You can't make status a crime, even though the conduct is a crime....[C]an you say it is a crime to possess drugs? Yeah ...[C]an you say it is a crime to be addicted to drugs? The court finds this is status." He finished by borrowing a few words from Supreme Court Justices by saying, "The amendment must draw its meaning from the evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society." The more law changes, the more it is the same.

A murdered transsexual was found stuffed in the trunk of an automobile in downtown Hartford, Connecticut. The location was near the meeting place of the XX (Twenty) Club, a TS support group, and it touched off a flurry of telephone calls within the community to find out the details. The victim was an F-M non-member of the club, and was known by some members of the club.

A transsexual in transition began trial in early January in New Bedford, Mass-achusetts for the strang-ulation murder of his/her wife. The accused is a former cab driver that was arrested four days after the murder in New Rochelle, N.Y. while on an alleged shopping spree. The defense attorney refers to the defendant as **she** or **her** and the defendant appears in court as a woman. The interesting thing about this case is the defendant claims no recollection of the killing, but believes it was in self defense. Also of interest is the rumor that this individual could not afford the medical expenses for transsexual medical atten-tion and this resulted in confrontation with the spouse. To be considered is whether or not this is a real transsexual who in economic distress resorted to crime to secure medical intervention and perhaps ultimately achieve what was unafford-able otherwise, or if this is a sham defense designed to shield a criminal by utilizing the transgender community's documented problems as a tool. The question is of importance as it bears directly on issues of concern to the conference.

The *Employment Policy Manual*, a guide for employers of people in transition, has been completed and will be published by IFGE. Congratulations to **Laura Skaer** and **Dianna Cicotello** for accomplishing this important milestone.

The Vermont birth certificate suit is moving along with the proposed finding of facts being submitted to the court by plaintiff after a meeting with the defendant (State of Vermont). It is expected that defendant will stipulate to the matters of fact to allow plaintiff to move for Summary Judgment with prejudice. There is a basis for the "with prejudice" in that the State Supreme Court had accepted the case as original jurisdiction and then demurred saying that there was no reason why the matter could not be heard in Superior Court. Plaintiff will argue that to abandon a duty voids a right to review. In a sense, they have abrogated themselves by usage. The notion is not without precedence and could be useful in other matters where courts duck responsibility, but want the right of review.

Several people with interesting military law problems have been referred to **Sharon Stuart**. We hope her files are growing and that they will become an important documentary base for future law activities. The most recent case involves a retired pilot who recently had SRS and is concerned about retirement benefits. She was honorably discharged and the military had no clue she was transsexual.

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# COMMENTARY

If ever an effort deserved to be called the tip of the spear, it is the **International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy.** It might be characterized as redundant by some, an affront to the existing transgender support or medical groups by others or even a radical splinter effort by those who have passed on to lose themselves in a new identity. But one irrefutable fact stands out concerning the conference. In over two centuries of law under the U.S. Constitution, there has been very little progress made in eliminating the prejudicial treatment of identified transgendered persons. Judge Bayless said it all when he pointed out that you can criminalize an action, but not a state of being. We are who and what we are, and we are no more or less criminal than the population as a whole. Marla Aspen hit the nail on the head with her remarks in the medical law committee last year. She said we should seek protected class status and it may well be that it will become requisite to do so if violence results from pressing for our guaranteed rights under the constitution. With reference to the murder mentioned earlier in the newsletter, Marla was right on the money again when she proposed that transgenderism be dropped from the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual.* We cannot allow ourselves to be characterized as mental defectives or permit anyone to shield themselves from the consequences of their crimes by virtue of being transgendered. Other psychological and psychiatric problems are often seen in those who represent they are transgendered. It is on the basis of those that legal defense should be developed and that would be the case if we were not in the *DSM.*

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# NEWS

The story of Arvada, Colorado Councilwoman **Joanne Conte** has been inspirational. She learned that twenty years after surgery, and after serving with distinction on the city council, political opponents had obtained details of her past with the intention of embarrassing her out of office. She courageously stood up and revealed her past and asked only to be judged by her constituents and fellow officials on her performance as a councilwoman. It worked! Friends, and even some political foes, rallied around her. The rascals who had plotted her downfall were handed a defeat. Ms. Conte, we salute you!

Those interested in closing the gap between the definitions of transgender conditions in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, III, Revised* and the Harry Benjamin Institute Standards of Care should attend the **Harry Benjamin Association bi-annual meeting** in NY, October 21-23, 1993. Details; **HBIGDA,** 1515 El Camino Real, Palo Alto CA 94306. Tel# (415-326-4645.

Numerous cases have been reported recently involving a custodial parent diagnosed as transsexual and solely on that basis being subjected to further custody proceedings. Cases are in New York and Massachusetts. Anyone having current relevant case law from family courts in those jurisdictions would be appreciated for sharing it via this editor for the attorneys involved.

Information about TS/TV/TG law issues should be forwarded to **Karen Ann Kerin**, Editor, 14 St. Paul Street, Montpelier VT 05602. Tel # (802) 223-4756.

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# GROUP FOR LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS FORMED

In 1990, I was invited to be on one of the panels at the Coming Together - Working Together convention in Natick, Massachusetts. I am the mother of a daughter who has followed her nature to become a woman. After my presentation, and during the rest of the day and evening, several people came to my daughter and wanted me to talk with their mothers. That is now possible.

I am leading a support group for families and friends of transgendered persons. This group meets at the IFGE office, 123 Moody Street, Waltham, Massachusetts every Wednesday evening from 7:30 - 9:00pm in the class room. For additional information, call 617-894-8340.

I have a Master's Degree in Expressive Therapies from Lesley College, Cambridge, Massachusetts and am a member of Expressive Therapists/New England.

I would enjoy meeting and talking with your family members and friends.

Sincerely,

**Marie Mann**

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# NEW CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION POLICY BENEFITS TRANSGENDERISTS, TRANSSEXUALS, AND TRANSVESTITES

After a six month negotiation between TransEqual and the **Canadian Human Rights Commission** (CHRC), a new policy is being put into action at CHRC offices. The new policy will improve human rights support for transgenderists, transvestites, and transsexuals who fall victim to discrimination by the federal government, federally owned operations, and federally regulated private enterprises.

## EXPANDED COVERAGE

Traditionally, complaints from transsexuals were accepted only on grounds of Disability. There has also been no distinct recognition of transgenderists or transvestites. This has effectively limited our complaints to situations describable in terms of mental illness. Because of these limitations, the CHRC has, until now, provided human rights enforcement in only about 10% of the discriminatory situations we encounter.

Things are changing. Many of the erroneous stereotypes about transsexualism will no longer shape CHRC policy. Transsexuals, transgenderists, and transvestites are now recognized as three distinct minority groups, with separate concerns and individual identities. We can now file complaints of discrimination because of *Sex*, (perceived) *Disability*, or perceived *Sexual Orientation*. It is also possible to use combinations of grounds in complex situations. This offers profoundly improved coverage and should provide recourse in law for at least 90% of situations.

## NEW UNDERSTANDINGS

These new grounds of complaint demonstrate a crucial first step away from the "disorder" model of transsexualism. The new CHRC policy sees transsexuals, transvestites, and transgenderists simply as members of minority groups, not as mental patients. Our humanity is finally being acknowledged. Hopefully, we can soon rid of the insult of relying upon psychiatric and medical support in distinctly non-medical and non-psychiatric situations.

In fact, the assumption of mental disability is now grounds for complaint, whereas only a few weeks ago, it was the foundation of our rights enforcement.

## EXAMPLES

Our most frequent problem is discrimination in employment. Under the old CHRC policies, a complaint of discrimination in employment, raised by a federally employed transgenderist, would have to be filed under *Disability*, and would likely be written as though it were from a transsexual. The case would rely upon psychiatric experts and would likely seek special accommodations for the complainant. This could be extremely counter-productive; it risks convincing the employer of the transgenderist's "sicko" status. Their employment could well become little more than needless accommodations for an imagined mental illness, resulting in missed promotions and minuscule pay increases. Clearly, this method risks producing a solution far worse than the problem itself.

The new policies will permit the same complaint to be filed on the ground of *Sex*. The case can now be built upon the simple assertion that the employer has no right to punish a male for womanhood, or to penalize a female for manhood. This is a very beneficial approach. It reinforces the complainant's rights in employment, not the employer's prejudices about transgenderism.

Transvestites, too, can finally challenge the old perspectives. Consider the recent case of a male transvestite who chose to fly while cross-dressed and was refused a boarding pass unless he changed his clothes. Under the old policies, there would have no premise for complaint, since there was no discrimination due to disability. However, it is now possible to build a case claiming discrimination in services arising from the insistence that his clothing was unacceptable for a person of his *Sex*.

A memorable example comes from my "Now I've seen everything" file. I was once consulted in a case where a male-to-female transsexual was fired from a job because of her preference for women lovers. The employer claims to have no problem with the employee's clothing, maleness, or womanhood, but considered her a lesbian and dismissed her for this reason. Under the new policies, a complaint could claim discrimination on grounds of *Sexual Orientation*.

## THE NEAR FUTURE

The new CHRC policies are currently being sent to all Canadian Human Rights Commission branch offices. Your complaints can be filed or revised anytime. If you have questions or wish advice on specific issues, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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# Boy, have we got a dilemma...

We need a heroine - how about you? Here's the deal: we of the Society of Crossdressing Hardware Engineers don't want to join a club that would have us as a member. So our disorganization of crossdressing engineers doesn't allow crossdressing engineers as members. Instead, we prefer people like you. So if you'd just send us your address, we'll mail you a packet of underestimable value. It includes a letter of introspection, a mumbleship survey form, a return antelope, and Chapter One of "*Building Bridges: Coming Out With A Plumb*" by Nancy Reynolds Nangeroni. [Soon to be a bestseller, it's guaranteed to be full of words and whitespace.] No cost, no obligation, no regrets, just good humor. Seriously!

Engineers, send us your address, too. We'll send you our mailing, but pretend you're not there. As far as you're concerned, you're the only crossdressing engineer in the Society. Of course, there's always a few troublemakers who want to exchange ideas and info. For them, we're working on our second mailing. It'll include issue #1 of the SCHE newsletter, membership feedback, and Chapter 2 of *Building Bridges.*

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Do it now.

PS - Your overwhelmingly positive response to our first notice warmed that spot to the left of and slightly above the sternum of our fearless leader where in most people resides a heart...

Society of Crossdressing Hardware Engineers
276 Pearl Street #L, Cambridge, MA 02139

# Calendar of Major Events

If you have an event of Regional, National, or International interest, please send your information to:
**IFGE Calendar, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778**

UPDATED APRIL 1ST 1993

## MAY, 1993

8-16: **Euro-Fantasia, Denmark**
Jenny Sand, FPE-NE, Postboks 1968 Vika, N0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY

12-16: **Esprit 93, Port Angeles, Washington USA**
Esprit 93, POB 873, Kirkland WA 98083-0873

20-23: **Paradise in the Poconos, Poconos, Pennsylvania USA**
Creative Design Services, Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406 (215) 640-9449

20-24: **Dignity Cruise, Bahamas**
Peggy Rudd, 1811 Crutchfield, Katy TX 77449 (713) 347-6563

28-29: **Edinburgh FesTiVal, Edinburgh, SCOTLAND**
J. McGowan, 36 McLelland Drive, Kilmarnock KA1 1SE SCOTLAND

## JUNE, 1993

1-7: **13th Annual Tiffany Club Spring Fling, Provincetown, Massachusetts USA**
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483 (508) 358-2305 (7-10pm Tuesdays EST)

9-13: **11th Annual Be All You Want To Be, Chicago, Illinois USA**
Naomi Owen, Be All Weekend, P O Box 342, Chicago IL 60690 (708) 364-9514

## JULY, 1993

8-11: **Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE), Dallas, Texas USA**
Linda Peacock, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314

## AUGUST, 1993

26-29: **2nd Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Houston, Texas USA**
Phyllis Frye, 5707 Firenza Street, Houston TX 77035-5515 USA

## SEPTEMBER, 1993

16-19: **Paradise in the Poconos, Pennsylvania USA**
Creative Design Services, P O Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406 USA

23-26: **New Woman Conference (for post-operative transsexuals and their female partners), Russian River, CA USA (near San Francisco)**
New Woman Conference, P O Box 67, South Berwick ME 03908

Sept.29-Oct. 3: **Southern Comfort Conference, Atlanta, Georgia USA**
South Eastern Regional Conference, Inc., P O Box 33296, Decatur GA 30033

## OCTOBER, 1993

1-3: **7th Annual Mardi Gras in the Muskokas, Mississauga, Canada**
Monarch Social Club, Mississauga "A" P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

15-25: **19th Annual Fantasia Fair, Provincetown, MA USA**
Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, suite 345, South Portland ME 04106 USA

21-23: **Bi-Annual Meeting, Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, New York, New York USA**
HBIGDA, 1515 El Camino Real, Palo Alto CA 94306 Telephone (415) 326-4645

## NOVEMBER, 1993

10-14: **Holiday En Femme, Los Angeles, California USA**
Tri-Ess, P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275 USA

19-21: **Riverside Gala Weekend, Erie, Pennsylvania USA**
Erie Sisters CD Club, 2115 W. 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505

## FEBRUARY, 1994

25-27: **6th Annual Texas T Party, Tea for Two, San Antonio, Texas USA**
Texas T Party, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270 USA

## MARCH, 1994

12-20: **Coming Together Convention, Portland, Oregon USA**
IFGE, POB 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367 USA

# The INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION for GENDER EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS

***POLICY:***

Contributions are an important source of revenue to IFGE. These funds enable IFGE to provide the necessary human and capital resources to serve the needs of our community. IFGE does not benefit from government, public, or United Way monies. It is entirely supported by revenue generated from the sale of publications, programs, and contributions.

All contributions are tax deductible, with receipt gratefully acknowledged, and kept totally confidential if the donor so desires. The contribution may be designated by the donor to any of the four funds described below, or be used for a specified purpose (such as a scholarship, or research grant). IFGE accepts cash, checks, Visa/MasterCard, or stock or bond assignments.

Remembering IFGE in your estate planning, will, or trust is a loving gesture which will permit us to build a significant trust fund to meet our community's needs for the next decade and beyond.

## Living Memorials:

Living memorials are sent to I.F.G.E. in memory of departed sisters, brothers, family members, and friends. Some memorials and contributions become a part of the permanent Foundation Trust Fund. Other memorials are given to a specified fund. I.F.G.E. wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to the individuals, families, and organizations who saw fit to remember their loved ones with a contribution to I.F.G.E.'s memorial Funds. These contributions will provide a lasting memorial to the memory of these friends and members of our community.

## The Winslow Street Fund:

This fund has been established to provide a strong and permanent financial base. Only the income generated by this fund are used. Contributions to this fund are living contributions.

## The Christine Jorgensen Fund:

This fund has been established to assist in the implementation of transsexual education objectives and to address other transsexual issues.

## The IFGE Programs Fund:

This fund has been established to assist in the development and presentation of programs such as the international convention, conferences, workshops, seminars, and public speaking engagements.

## The IFGE General Fund:

This fund has been established to assist with miscellaneous funding needs. These needs include but are not limited to maintaining an office, a staff, purchasing and maintaining capital equipment, assisting IFGE committee projects such as educational resources and marketing, and improving communications with and support of our community's organizations and services.

**I.F.G.E. acknowledges the following contributors:**

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# FIRST QUARTER FUND RAISING REPORT

## TAKING CONTROL OF OUR DESTINY

The recent IFGE Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was, without question, the most successful in our Foundation's young history. It marked a true coming together of all the diverse groups within our community. A realization that we must recognize, appreciate, respect and embrace our diversity while emphasizing our commonality filled the air.

It also marked an awakening. We are beginning to accept the proposition that only we can help ourselves; that we must take control of our destiny; that we must financially support ourselves, our programs and our efforts; that no one else is going to do it for us; **and that it is everyone's responsibility.**

Members of our community are accepting the responsibility to financially support this Foundation and the important programs that are truly making a difference with policy makers, medical providers, professionals, family and friends, e.g. the American Psychiatric Association Convention, the International Conference on Transgender Law, the *Employer's Guide to Gender Transition*, the Media Guide, and *Tapestry Journal*, to name just a few.

This year marked the first time we have made a major fund raising appeal at our Convention, and those who were present responded beautifully. Donations and pledges following Friday's luncheon presentation exceeded $5,600. We are grateful for your support and for your faith in us.

The Fund raising numbers for the first quarter of 1993 are exciting. They are a true indication that this community is finally accepting financial responsibility for itself, and for its success. We have raised $12,872 in the first quarter of 1993 compared with $7,308 for the first quarter of 1992, a 76% increase. We have 96 individual donors compared to 63 in 1992, **AND 48% OF OUR 1993 DONORS ARE FIRST TIME CONTRIBUTORS!**

As exciting as these numbers are, we cannot stop and rest on our laurels. If you have not donated or pledged to donate to IFGE or the Winslow Street Fund in 1993, PLEASE DO IT NOW! We need your financial support now more than ever. Our budget approaches $500,000 and we must exceed last year's fabulous total of $117,000 in contributions if we are going to continue our growth, meet your needs and be our community's Educational Resource.

Time and service are not a substitute for financial support. It is everyone's responsibility to financially support our community, whether it is $1, $10, $100, $1,000 or $10,000. **IT IS TIME FOR ALL OF US TO DO OUR PART TO THE EXTENT OF OUR ABILITY TO GIVE.**

Sincerely,

***Laura Skaer***, Chair
**IFGE Fund Raising Committee**

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## WINSLOW STREET FUND ANNOUNCES GRANTS

On Friday, March 20, 1993, during the IFGE Coming Together-Working Together Convention, the Trustees of the Winslow Street Fund announced four grants. The announcement was made during a luncheon program sponsored and conducted by the Trustees and members of IFGE's Fund Raising Committee. The luncheon highlighted the importance of fund raising to our community, and the significant role our community's only permanent endowment fund plays in this effort.

Laura Skaer, Chair of the Winslow Street Fund Trustees and of the IFGE Fund Raising Committee was master of ceremonies at the luncheon. Featured speakers were Dr. Sheila Kirk who discussed IFGE's participation in the 1992 American Psychiatric Association Convention and the plans for the 1993 convention to be held in San Francisco in May; Sharon Ann Stuart, Military Law Director and Martine Rothblatt, Health Law Director for the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Inc. Both Sharon and Martine shared what the first Law Conference meant to them and to our community. In addition, Sharon told the audience about the Military Law Project and Martine discussed the *Diagnostic Statistical Manual III-R* and *IV* that therapists and psychiatrists use and the efforts to bring enlightenment to the definitions of cross dressing, transvestism and transsexualism contained in it.

Laura emphasized that contributions to IFGE and to the Winslow Street Fund made both of these programs, as well as several others, possible. After reviewing the purpose of the endowment fund and the 1992 grants, the new grants were announced:

$650 to the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment policy, Inc. for the second conference to be held August 26-29, 1993;

$500 to SPICE, the Spouse/Partners International Conference for Education to support the first conference to be held July 8-11, 1993;

$500 to purchase a permanent banner for the Transgendered Community to march behind at the March on Washington and to be used at regional and national events. The banner is 3'x 20' and says, "TRANSGENDERED & PROUD! AND WE VOTE!"

$350 to the Educational Resources Committee of the IFGE to publish the Media Guide.

The Winslow Street Fund is our community's only permanent endowment fund. It is managed by an independent Board of Trustees who are selected by the chair of IFGE's Fund Raising Committee and approved by the IFGE Board of Directors. The Trustees are Laura Caldwell, Michelle Miles, Abbey Saypen, Wilma Young and Laura Skaer. The principal is invested and only the income is used to provide grants to projects that benefit and/or bring dignity to our community. The Fund balance on March 31, 1993 is **$44,398.02**

Information on the winslow Street Fund and grant applications are available from any Trustee, or from the IFGE office. The **Trustees thank you for your support.**

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**(Updated March 1993)**

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## NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

### *PUERTO RICO*
*(000-009)*

**FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUERTO RICO SISTERS:** Foundation for the Advancement of Puerto Rico Sisters, Calle 2 #288, Forest Hills, Bayamon PR 00959.

**Nature:** Non-profit non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meets on the third Friday of each month at 6:00pm. Meeting consists of one hour topic discussion and group public activity.

**Security:** Write for member application and information.

### *MASSACHUSETTS*
*(010-027)*

**GLEBIT'S APPLE:** AAPPL, P O Box 94, Chicopee MA 01013. (617) 323-6082 Sandy, (413) 594-4703 Steve 11:00am - 7:00pm only, (508) 251-0678 9:00am - 9:00pm.

**Nature:** Mutual advocacy and support for Gay males, LEsbians, BIsexuals and Transgendered people and Supporters, hence GLEBITS.

**Services:** Hotlines in all Massachusetts area codes. We will return all calls unless specifically told not to.

**Security:** Each hotline has a secure answering machine.

**SUNSHINE CLUB:** Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035.

**Nature:** Non-sexual, non-profit social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, & their significant others.

**Services:** Monthly meetings at a church in the Pioneer Valley area. Monthly newsletter.

**Security:** Discretion and toleration expected. Write for information.

**JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES:** See *COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & SERVICES.*

**PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES..*

**AXA:** AXA, c/o Zoë Durga, P O Box 1331, W. Concord MA 01742.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Offers individual support, sharing of resources, open discussions, advocacy in support of civil rights for transgenderists.

**Services:** Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass. Contact for location. No dues or fees.

**Security:** Telephone or personal interview required.

**TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE:** TGA, P O Box 1331, West Concord MA 01742.

**Nature:** A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the Gender Bill of Rights.

**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION:** I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778, (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703. Offices: 123 Moody St., Waltham MA Merissa Lynn, Executive Director.

**Nature:** I.F.G.E. is a non-profit educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community.

**Services:** I.F.G.E. publishes the *TV-TS Tapestry Journal* and other publications relevant to the TV/TS theme. We sponsor the annual Coming Together convention. We serve as an international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, and a safe, friendly "drop-in center" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work.

**LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUAL PERSONS / NEW ENGLAND:** LOTS/NE c/o IFGE, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367, (617) 899-2212.

**Nature:** Support group for parents, siblings, other relations, and friends of transsexual persons. Led by Marie Mann, MA in Expressive Therapies. Confidentiality and anonymity respected.

**Services:** Meets every Wednseday at 123 Moody Street, Waltham, Mass., 7:30-9:00pm.

**TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS:** See *COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & S ERVICES.*

**THE ADAM SOCIETY:** The Adam Society, c/o Dan Riley, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778.

**Nature:** A non-profit support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Monthly meetings. Publishes *Adam's Word.*

**Security:** Inquire.

**ALCHEMY:** Raven Kaldera, send mail c/o IFGE and we will forward it.

**Nature:** Support group for lovers, spouses, and significant others of Transsexuals.

**Services:** Meetings once or twice each month in a supportive atmosphere where we can discuss what it takes to love these very special people.

**FEMINA SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND:** Ms. C. Deering, P O Box 1873, Haverhill MA 01831.

**Nature:** Matriarchal society that teaches surrender to a Feminine Authority as a positive spiritual experience. Emphasis is on feminised males.

**Services:** Non-sexual educational programs, newsletter - *Femina, the Voice of Feminine Authority*, audio training cassettes, annual retreat, workshops, rituals, and networking.

**Security:** Elaborate application process including a waiting period during which postal studies are undertaken as a postulant.

**TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.:** TCNE, Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (508) 358-2305 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm EST).

**Nature:** Non-profit social and educational organization for crossdressers desiring to explore and develop their total personality for the attainment of peace of mind. Tiffany provides support programs for the individual member, their family, and friends.

**Services:** *Rosebuds* newsletter, operating a safe-house, and organizing "get-togethers," workshops, seminars, and beauty courses. Tiffany sponsors a formal Wives and Significant Others support group, parties, nights on the town, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings.

**Security:** Attendees must be interviewed by a member of the Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person.

**TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP:** WSG, c/o TCNE, Inc., Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (508) 358-2305

**Nature:** Affiliated with the Tiffany Club. For those in a committed relationship with members in good standing at the Tiffany Club.

**Services:** Monthly meetings, one-on-one support, and P-Town Outing weekend in October.

**Security:** See 'Tiffany Club.'

**REFLECTIONS:** Reflections, P O Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026 (617) 323-6082.

**Nature:** Advocacy, support, political action, social contact group for TS/TVs and interested parties. Providing public speaking, advocacy, support phone line, therapy group, newsletter, research library, referral database. Dues $5 per meeting or $50 per year.

**Services:** Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston Street at Arlington Street, Boston.

**TIFFANY CLUB OF N. E. BBS,** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES):** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP:** Address invalid at this time.

**Nature:** Support network for Female-to-Male transvestites, transgenderists, transsexuals, and their partners. Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs.

**Services:** Meetings are every other month on Sunday at 2 pm. Locations and dates announced in newsletter, *Gender In Formation.*

**Security:** Call Bet or Lonnie before attending a meeting. Send SASE for copy of newsletter.

**DENNIS PEARNE, Ed.D.,** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**GETTING REAL:** Address mail to Dale Hamilton, P O Box 95025, Nonantum MA 02195.

**Nature:** Support group for TSs.

**Services:** Meetings the first Sunday of each month at 4:00pm. Meeting location is in Boston, near the T, with free parking, refreshments, and sometimes even entertainment.

**OUTREACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & REFERRAL NETWORK:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**INNVESTMENTS:** Innvestments, P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for CD's TSs, and their SOs on Cape Cod and SE MA.

**Services:** Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Meets first Monday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place.

**Security:** Inquire.

## *RHODE ISLAND (028-029)*

**ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS:** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

## *NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038)*

**NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D.,** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

## *MAINE (038-047)*

**TRANSUPPORT:** TranSupport, Box 17622, Portland ME 04101.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their families, and friends.

**Services:** Monthly meetings. Inquire for time and place. Publishes *Trans-Talk* newsletter.

**Security:** Inquire.

**HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE (HOAC) aka Outreach Institute:** HOAC, 405 Western avenue, Suite 345, South Portland ME 04106. Ari Kane, Director, 207-621-0858.

**Nature:** The Outreach Institute is a non-profit educational corporation. Outreach works primarily with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance and Counselling, Therapy, Medicine, Law and Law Enforcement, Nursing, and Human Services.

**Services:** Outreach's programs include the Gender Awareness and Involvement Network (GAIN); New Visions of Gender Conferences for health care professionals; Fantasia Fair, a live-in exploration of alternative lifestyle roles; Hopeful Seminars for couples to work together; and a Speakers' Bureau.

**Publications:** *Journal of Gender Studies* for professionals. Information packets and an annotated book catalogue are also available.

**Security:** Outreach Institute's programs are sophisticated and strictly non-sexual. All participants in any Outreach program are expected to act accordingly.

## *VERMONT (050-059)*

## *CONNECTICUT (060-069)*

**CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, P.O. Box 163, Farmington CT 06034.

**Nature:** Non-profit and non-sexual social and educational organization for crossdressers, transvestites, transsexuals, and their supporters and significant others. Provides social and educational opportunities as well as peer support. Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media.

**Services:** A monthly newsletter, *The Outreach News*; three meetings each month. Inquire for dates and locations. Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos.

**Security:** Confidentiality respected and expected. Meetings open, but membership application or recommendation of member required prior to attendance.

**YE CG BRITS:** c/o P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA.

**Nature:** Open to British born Male to Female crossgender dressers/blenders and gender/sex changes and their loves who would like to correspond with and perhaps meet other British born TGs for friendship and support. We also wish to change some of the TG laws in Britain. We shall be keeping in contact with TG groups in Great Britain. We are a newly forming non-profit, non-sexual group. All letters and information are held in confidence.

**GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB:** The XX Club, Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387.

**Nature:** The XX Club is the non-profit and non-sexual transsexual peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends and relatives are welcome.

**Services:** A newsletter, *XX*, is published bi-monthly. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off Main Street, opposite G. Fox & Company). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. There are occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter.

**Security:** Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.

**IMAGES:** Images, P O Box 85, Thompson CT 06277, (203) 963-7664.

**Nature:** Non-profit organization providing peer support, group, and individual counseling for the transgender community.

**Services:** Group meetings and individual counseling. 24-hour crisis hot-line to members of the group. Referrals to doctors, therapists, and other organizations.

**Security:** Call for phone interview. Confidentility and discretion a must! Safe and secure meeting place. Call for time and place.

## *NEW JERSEY (070-088)*

**GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS:** Boxholder, P O Box 110, Norwood NJ 07648; (908) 721-7469, Kate.

**Nature:** Support group for TSs, TGs, and CDs using the twelve-step recovery program to help gender-conflicted individuals heal from the effects of gender identity conflict. The twelve steps are adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous.

**Services:** Meets every Thursday night at 8:00 in Teaneck, NJ. No fees, but there is a collection within the group.

**Security:** We use AA's Tradition of Anonymity.

**MONMOUTH/OCEAN GROUP:** MONMOUTH/OCEAN GROUP, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.

**Nature:** Open support group for all gender dysphoric persons. Affiliated with Renaissance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. See their description.

**EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK:** ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.

**Nature:** Social and support group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers will not be complaint sessions, but positive and uplifting. Discretion and privacy of course. Write for more information.

**NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** Northern New Jersey, Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960; (201) 663-0772.

**Nature:** Open membership, non-sexual.

**Services:** Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank now handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well.

**Security:** Interview required.

**THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance South Jersey, P O Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330. (609) 641-3782. Kara Forward, chapter leader.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social and support organization serving the gender community.

**Services:** Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 6010 Black Horse Pike, Mckee NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm.

**Security:** Inquire.

***TRANSFORMATIONS NEWSLETTER:*** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS:** SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.

**Nature:** Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** Meets the fourth Saturday of each month.

**Security:** Inquire.

## *NEW YORK (090-149)*

**$F_2M$:** F2M, Box 509,Lenox Hill Sta. New York, NY 10021.

**Nature:** A non-profit social and support organization created by and for female-to-male transsexuals and crossdressers. "Knowledge is the key to the door of gender-reassignment. Up-to-date information is essential."

**Services:** Social events in the New York area, confidential contacts, a comprehensive resource directory, and a newsletter. Compiling information necessary to the F-M transition into a central database. $F_2M$ actively solicits correspondence: questions, concerns, and all items of F-M TS information are requested.

**Security:** We believe that confidentiality, and often anonymity are critical issues for TSs on our mailing list. All correspondence is considered confidential.

**CROSS DRESSERS OF NEW YORK/NYGA:** CDI, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001. (212) 629-5750. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator, Muriel Olive, Director.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

**Security:** Call or write for more information.

**GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT:** Gender Identity Project, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011, (212) 620-7310.

**Nature:** Support, counseling, advocacy and referral services for gender dysphoric individuals.

**Services:** Peer-to-peer counseling, facilitated support groups, professinal referrals, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling services for male and female transsexuals.

**Security:** The Project is part of the Center's Mental Health and Social Services Programs and all services are confidential and prfessionally supervised.

**IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK:** Imperial Queens of New York, Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Avenue, New York NY 10011. (212) 580-9862, (516) 889-1999.

**Nature:** Open organization for the education and support of members of the gender community and their friends. Our purpose is to provide a safe, healthy, and social environment for the TG community through the promotion of community awareness of the ideals of IQNY of positive involvement of our members. We are engaged in fund raising activities for Gay community charitities, related social services, and/or Gay organizations. An independent organization, not affiliated with the Imperial Court.

**Services:** Meet the first Friday of every month, 8:00pm, at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 13th St. and 7th Ave. to exchange ideas, related experiences of members, and to set future plans. Monthly newsletter, *Imperially Yours.*

**Security:** All lists confidential.

**METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK:** Metropolitan Gender Network, 561 Hudson Street, Box 45, New York NY 10014. Message updates: (201) 794-1665 ext. 332.

**Nature:** Support, advocacy, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, transvestites, transgenderists, androgynes, or whatever. Open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome.

**Services:** Monthly meetings on the second Sunday. Newsletter *City Lights*, social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Membership $24/year.

**Security:** Confidentiality respected. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries.

**METAMORPHOSIS:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS (STA):** STA, answering service 212-969-0888.

**Nature:** A twelve-step recovery program for all gender-conflicted individuals modeled after A. A.

**Services:** Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.

**Security:** We use AA's tradition of anonymity.

**SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES (SIECUS):** See *LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.*

**THE GATHERING:** The Gathering, P O Box 29, New york NY 10021-0030.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual support group for primary and secondary transsexuals and other gender dysphoric persons.

**Services:** Meetings the first Saturday of each month. Inquire for site location. Presents programs, information, guest speakers, referrals, peer counseling, newsletter. Dues are $35 per year. Newsletter subscription is $25 for twelve issues. Members receive newsletter at no extra charge.

**Security:** Participation is open to all potential M-F and F-M pre- and post-operative transsexuals, friends, and relatives. Inquiry required.

**EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY:** The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163; (212) 477-6588.

**Nature:** For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type.

**Service:** Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times and locations.

**CHI DELTA MU OF TRI-ESS:** Chi Delta Mu, P.O. Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475. Hot Line (201) 663-0772.

**Nature:** See 'Society for the Second Self.'

**Services:** Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have over 75 paid members, and have been in existence over five years.

**Security:** Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

**GIRL'S NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, P O Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. Hotline: (201) 794-1665, ext 202.

**Nature:** An open social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meetings are held. Publishes monthly newsletter, *Lipstick and Lace.*

**Security:** Inquire.

**LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION:** LIFE, c/o Vickie Stone, P O Box 31, Hempstead NY 11551.

**Nature:** Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. This is also the Lambda Iota chapter of Tri-Ess.

**Services/Security:** Publishes the newsletter, *Lifelines.* See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

**LAMBDA IOTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS:** See *LONG ISLAND FEMME ESPRESSION, above.*

**TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB:** TGIC, Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604; (518) 436-4513 (Thursdays 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back).

**Nature:** Non-sexual group offering support to crossdressers, transsexuals, mates, and families.

**Services:** Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, bi-monthly newsletter, shopping guide, key club, and storage.

**Security:** We have a screening process to ensure the comfort and safety of all. You may feel sure of anonymity and our discretion.

**TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** Transgender Network, P.O. Box 177, Tillson NY 12486-0177.

**Nature:** A non-profit, non-sexual, social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, and SOs. Clergy and professionals are also welcome.

**Services:** Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral service.

**Security:** All inquiries are made through our P.O. Box. Names, addresses and phone numbers of each member are held in strict confidence. Anonymity and discretion are required to ensure privacy to all.

**ANDROGENY UNLIMITED:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**EON (Expressing Our Nature):** EON, 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226.

**Nature:** Open support group for crossdressers, transgenderists, and transsexuals, regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. EON provides the context for TG people to experience their own

happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: peer support meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events.

**Services:** EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly. Meetings are safe and secure, providing the opportunity to explore gender identity in safety.

**Security:** An initial interview with a member is required for membership.

**CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO:** CrossRoads, c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220.

**Nature:** Non-profit support group for transsexuals and crossdressers and their partners or family.

**Services:** TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings.

**Security:** New members usually must talk to a group member.

**NU PHI CHI:** Denise Miller, 7954 Transit Road S197, Williamsville NY 14221.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual support group for CDs and their partners. Good manners, taste and common sense expected.

**Services:** Monthly meetings, occasional newsletter and/or meeting notices. Meetings usually held on the second Saturday of the month in a secure environment. Changing rooms available.

**Security:** New members are interviewed and screened by a group member, or with reference from a sister organization.

**ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** CD-Network, P.O. Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692; (716) 251-2132 (24-hr. hotline and recorder).

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual support group for CDs, TSs, and their spouses. Over 50 members, mostly from upstate NY.

**Services:** Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Monthly newsletter, *CD News*. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state.

**Security:** Newsletter sent to all members who have completed membership questionnaire. Invitation to meetings extended after screening interview, or with references from a sister organization.

## *PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)*

**PERSAD CENTER, INC.:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**TRANSPITT:** TransPitt, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230; (412) 231-1181.

**Nature:** TransPitt is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.

**Services:** Meetings the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referrals.

**Security:** Meeting with club officer.

**TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT:** See *RESEARCH.*

**ERIE SISTERS:** Erie Sisters, 2115 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505.

**Nature:** Non-sexual social support group for all CDs and friends of CDs. Good manners, taste and common sense expected.

**Services:** Monthly meetings, newsletter. Meetings in every even numbered month are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room is provided.

**Security:** An interview with a club officer required before attending first meeting.

**RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. (717) 780-1LSV or (717) 780-1578. Brenda Davidson

**Nature:** Non-profit support group for the gender community at large.

**Services:** Meets the first Saturday evening of each month at Cameron Cut Rate, Cameron and Market Streets, Harrisburg, PA.

**Security:** Inquire.

**CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, P O Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioc, NYC.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

**Security:** Call or write for more information.

**RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER:** Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020. (215) 630-1437. Michelle Lynn.

**Nature:** Non-profit support group for the gender community at large.

**Services:** Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Meetings start at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call above number. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs of interest, as well as socials and community activities.

**PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP:** Philadelphia TS Support Group, P O Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103 (215) 567-7879.

**Nature:** To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Dues $25 per year.

**Services:** Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals.

**Security:** No drugs or excess baggage.

**RENAISSANCE - READING:** Charter has been revoked by the National Board. For information, write National Secretary Susan Crane, P O Box 552, King of Prussia PA 19406.

**RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** Renaissance Education Association, Box 60552, King of Prussia PA 19406. (215) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

**Nature:** Renaissance is a non-profit, non-sexual organization dedicated to the support and education of the transgendered community and the general population. It is an open group that accepts without judgement and helps individuals to grow at their own pace.

**Services:** For TVs and TSs. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities. Call the Help Line 24 hours a day for information on the latest activities.

**For professionals:** Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help professionals and clients to understand transgender behavior.

**Security:** There is no screening process for prospective members. All member personal information is strictly confidential and available only to the Board of Directors.

**CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES:** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

## *DELAWARE (197-199)*

## *WASHINGTON, D C (200-205)*

**WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** Washington-Baltimore Alliance, c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724. WBA Hotline (301) 277-5475.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual education and support organization for members of the TV/TS community.

**Services:** Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December.

**Security:** Write or call.

**TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON (TGEA):** TGEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822.

**Nature:** TGEA is a support, social and educational outreach group for transgendered persons (TV/TS/Drag) of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others. Formerly DCEA

**Services:** Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Bi-monthly newsletter, *The Pinnacle*, affiliated with couples group and MAGA (TS support). Conducts outreach presentations to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community.

**Security:** Face to face interview needed for meeting attendance and membership.

**METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE (MAGA):** MAGA c/o DCEA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 977-0938.

**Nature:** MAGA is a support and rap group for M-F and F-M transsexuals and their significant others. It is affiliated with the DCEA, and was formerly known as JANUS.

**Services:** General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Friday of each month.

**Security:** Telephone screening and/or interview required.

## *MARYLAND (206-218)*

**SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**THE BRIDGE CLUB:** Bridge Club, c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337.

**MY CHOICE:** My Choice, c/o Shana Roberts, 7 S. Broadway, #1A; Baltimore MD 21231; (410) 732-4546.

**Nature:** We are a non-profit support group for TVs and TSs.

**Services:** Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. We usually go out socializing after meetings. Shopping, makeup and coming-out help available.

Security: Interview required before attendance of meetings.

**TRANSGENDER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON (TGEA):** TGEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822.

Nature: TGEA is a support, social and educational outreach group for transgendered persons (TV/TS/ Drag) of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Bi-monthly newsletter, *The Pinnacle*, affiliated with couples group and MAGA (TS support). Conducts outreach presentations to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community.

Security: Face to face interview needed for meeting attendance and membership.

**METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE (MAGA):** MAGA c/o DCEA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 977-0938.

Nature: MAGA is a support and rap group for M-F and F-M transsexuals and their significant others. It is affiliated with the DCEA, and was formerly known as JANUS.

Services: General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Friday of each month.

Security: Telephone screening and/or interview required.

## *VIRGINIA (220-246)*

*LA FEMINIQUE*: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**BLACK ROSE:** Black Rose, P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210; (301) 369-7667.

Nature: Support group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome.

Services: Meets Tuesday nights in Washington, DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards.

Security: Call or write.

**TRANSGENDER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON (TGEA):** TGEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822.

Nature: TGEA is a support, social and educational outreach group for transgendered persons (TV/TS/ Drag) of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Bi-monthly newsletter, *The Pinnacle*, affiliated with couples group and MAGA (TS support). Conducts outreach presentations to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community.

Security: Face to face interview needed for meeting attendance and membership.

**METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE (MAGA):** MAGA c/o DCEA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 977-0938.

Nature: MAGA is a support and rap group for M-F and F-M transsexuals and their significant others. It is affiliated with the DCEA, and was formerly known as JANUS.

Services: General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Friday of each month.

Security: Telephone screening and/or interview required.

**PASSING FANCY:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**VIRGINIA'S SECRET:** Virginia's Secret, P O Box 29142, Richmond VA 23242-0142; (804) 320-8737.

Nature: Support group for Crossdressers.

Services: Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter.

Security: Completed application, sponsoring interview before joining. Membership information is held in strictest confidence.

**CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

## *WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)*

**TRANS-WV:** TRANS-WV, P.O.Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322.

Nature: A non-sexual social/ support group for crossdressers, TSs, their spouses, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings the third Friday of the month. Costs of accommodations are divided among members in attendance. At our meetings we dress-up, talk, and plan. We plan to establish some form of outreach.

Security: Prospective members must meet with an officer before being told the meeting place. No member shall reveal the true name, address, phone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's expressed permission.

## *NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)*

**GDANC SUPPORT GROUP:** GDANC, P O Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145; (704) 642 1914.

Nature: To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need someone to talk to.

Services: Meetings on the third Saturday of every month at a private apartment.

Security: Call or write to be interviewed.

**KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS:** Kappa Beta, P.O. Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101.

Nature: Social support group for male, heterosexual crossdressers and their wives or significant others. Serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.

Services: Monthly meetings August to May, usually in Charlotte. Monthly newsletter, *The Pink Slip*, $20.00 per year subscription.

Security: Interview with Board member. Must be eligible to join (i.e., be a current member of Tri-Ess).

**CAROLINA TRANS-SENSUAL ALLIANCE:** Divinity (J. G.), P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100 (704) 531-8838 (voice mail).

Nature: Non-profit group open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. While not specifically a support group, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club, either. No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction. Significant others welcome.

Services: Networking, someone to talk to. $25 annual membership fee includes subscription to the newsletter, *All the Beautiful People!* Referrals to supportive merchants, consultants, clubs, etc.

Security: Phone conversation with an officer is a must, followed by a meeting in a public place, preferably dressed. We are cautious, but not paranoid about meeting someone for the first time.

**CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519.

Nature: See 'Tri-Ess,'Tulare CA.

**PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814.

Nature: Non-profit support group for CD/TG/TS & Androgyny. Significant others are welcome.

Services: Meet every other month. Atmosphere is casual, social, but also therapeutic. Open discussions, programs, networking, & free professional referrals.

Security: Common sense screening; meeting place confidential; mailing list for members only.Discreet.

## *SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)*

## *GEORGIA (300-319)*

**MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:** Montgomery Institute, P O Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033; (404) 603 9426. Contact: Jerry, Lynn, or Tommie.

Nature: TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region.

Services: Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Publications: *MM & PI Monthly* newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs, among others.

Screening: Required of clients before becoming members. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.

**AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.:** AEGIS, P O Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. Business line: (404) 939-2128. Helpline: (404) 939-0244. Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).

Nature: Professionally managed national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria.

Services: Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, follow Standards ; case management; consulting; speakers' service. Publications: *Chrysalis Quarterly*, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials. Open to all transgendered persons. Membership of $30.00 includes subscription to *Chrysalis Quarterly*.

Security: All client information is kept strictly confidential.

**ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION:** AGE, P O Box 1542, Roswell GA 30077; Helpline: (404) 642-9652.

**Nature:** A nonprofit gender support group modeled after the Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. We are non-sexual and member-operated. Membership is open to anyone with a legitimate gender concern.

**Services:** Meet the third Saturday of every month in a major hotel which provides an inexpensive place for members to dress or stay. Meetings are a safe and secure setting for members, their families and friends to explore and learn about their gender issues.

**Security:** All information is kept strictly confidential. Members and guests must be screened before attending. One-time $25 screening fee, and regular fee of $5/meeting.

***THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE***: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

***CORSET DIGEST***: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 250481, Atlanta GA 30325

**Nature:** Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

**Services:** Monthly meetings at established Atlanta location. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

**Security:** See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

## *FLORIDA (320-340)*

**SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.

**Nature:** Social support group for male, heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. A chapter of the Society for the Second Self (Tri-Ess).

**Services:** Meetings on the weekend of the second Friday of the month at an established Atlanta location. Outstanding programs for significant others and outreach.

**Security:** All prospective members are interviewed before joining.

**C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.**:See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**GENDER INFORMATION NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE:** GING, Gail Driaper, (904) 332-8178.

**Nature:** Non-profit social and support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donations to defray expenses. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville.

**Security:** Potential members will be personally interviewed as to their needs.

**FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.**: Florida Chapter, P O Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32614; (904) 462-4826.

**Nature:** Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrolygist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. "We deal in solutions, not problems."

**Services:** Publication through Atlanta-basd *INSIGHT.*

**Security:** Screening through psychologist to attend group meetings.

**PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS**: Phi Epsilon Mu, P O Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups.

**Security:** Interview required, emphasizing good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

**FANTASIA:** Fantasia, c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Contact: Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood, (407) 425-4527.

**Nature:** Social support group for all TVs & TSs.

**Services:** Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting the TV/TS Community through education & understanding.

**Security:** Interview required.

**SERENITY**: Serenity, P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022; (305) 436-9477.

**Nature:** Social/support group for CD/TV/TSs, and their significant others.

**Services:** Newsletter. Meetings the first Saturday and third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale.

**Security:** Contact hot line.

**CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**ANIMAS**: Animas, P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242.

**Nature:** Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. A periodic newsletter is published. Outside consultants in fashion and image are available.

**THE EDEN SOCIETY**: The Eden Society, P O Box 22742, Fort Lauderdale FL 33335-2742, Bob (305) 791-2476.

**Nature:** Social and support group for TSs.

**Services:** One business meeting and one social meeting each month. Newsletter.

**Security:** Interview required.

**BLOSSOM C. PASTER:** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**STARBURST**: Starburst, c/o J. L. Hores, 1801-69 Avenue S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712; (813) 866-0438, Joe, or (813) 842-3513 for TS.

**Nature:** Non-profit support group for transsexuals and transvestites.

**Services:** Meets the first and third Friday of each month in a private home.

**Security:** Excellent. Meetings in a private home. Screening before attending first meeting. Call or write to make an appointment.

**THE SOUTHERN BELLES/TAU SIGMA BETA CHAPTER OF TRI ESS:** Address invalid at this time.

**Nature:** Non-profit social/support group for male heterosexual crossdressers, their wives and girlfriends.

**Services:** Meetings 3rd Saturday of month in private homes. Monthly newsletter with items of interest to the crossdressing community.

## *ALABAMA (350-369)*

**SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 7241, Tallahassee FL 32314-7241.

**Nature:** Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

**Services:** Monthly meetings at established Atlanta location. Monthly newsletter $15.00/yr.

**Security:** See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

**SIGMA RHO GAMMA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: SERGA, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Ms. Michelle Steadman.

**Nature:** Non-profit non-sexual outreach organization for support for individual heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

**Services:** Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter *The Continuum.* Subscriptions are $20/year for nonmembers.

**Security:** There is a mandatory orientation program. New members must be interviewed by at least two board members before they will be told when and where meetings are held.

## *TENNESSEE (370-384)*

**TENNESSEE VALS**: Tennessee Vals, P O Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209-2335. (615) 664-6883 (voice mail).

**Nature:** Confidential, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private home in the Nashville area.

**Security:** Write to be interviewed.

**MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** Mu Sigma, P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.

**Nature:** Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers serving the Memphis metropolitan area.

**Services:** Inquire.

**SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS:** Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 250481, Atlanta GA 30325.

**Nature:** Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

**Services:** Monthly meetings at established Atlanta location. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

**Security:** See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

## *MISSISSIPPI (386-396)*

**BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI**: Beta Chi, P.O. Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253; Hotline: (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). Lee Frances, Secretary

**Nature:** Social support group for CDs and their significant others.

**Services:** See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA. Publishes *Premiere* newsletter.

**Security:** Inquire.

## *KENTUCKY (403-427)*

**LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY:** LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458; (812) 944-5570, Barbara; (502) 458-8028, Patti; (502) 966-8701, Lori.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual educational social and support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others and supportive friends regardless of sexual preference or orientation.

**Services:** Meetings are on the second Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to all members for $20/year.

**Security:** Invitations are issued to meetings after a screening interview or with references from a member. Membership list is confidential.

## *OHIO (434-457)*

**CRYSTAL CLUB:** Crystal Club, P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287; (614) 777-0648

**Nature:** An open support group for TVs, TSs, and others who cross-dress with a full feminine identity. We provide a non-threatening environment for crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with a meeting fee of $15.00. Peer support, newsletter. Buyers' guide in preparation. We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Publishes *The Crystal Chronicle*.

**Security:** Inquire. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us.

**NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS:** Alpha Omega, Box 954, Elyria OH 44036.

**Nature:** A social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

**Services:** Bi-monthly meetings. Publish the *Alpha Omega Outreach* newsletter.

**Security:** Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified Alpha Omega officer.

**PARADISE CLUB:** Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129.

**Nature:** Paradise is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

**Services:** Paradise publishes a newsletter, *Paradise Tales*, and sponsors a meeting every other month with a catered dinner and usually a special event such as a speaker, makeup advice, a show, or other event of interest.

**Security:** Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings with the concurrence of an officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

**CROSS-PORT:** Cross-Port, Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657; (513) 474-9557, Shelbi.

**Nature:** Cross-Port is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and the female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation.

**Services:** Cross-Port distributes a monthly newsletter to all members.

**Security:** All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is the rule. The mailing and membership lists are confidential. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's expressed permission.

## *INDIANA (463-479)*

**INDIANA CROSSDRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220; (317) 894-8040 ask for Vicki.

**Nature:** A non-profit TV/TS social/support group.

**Services:** IXE distributes a monthly newsletter to all members. IXE has a BBS, shared on line with the Adult BBS. Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>. Dial (317) 784-6975.

**Security:** Mailing and membership lists are confidential. No names, addresses, or phone numbers will be given out, even with the member's permission. Manners and common sense are expected of all members and their guests at all meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. We welcome all to our meetings.

## *MICHIGAN (480-499)*

**CROSSROADS CHAPTER:** Crossroads, P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Joanne Janiszewski, President. Phone messages: (313) 537-3267.

**Nature:** Crossroads is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

**Services:** Crossroads publishes a newsletter, *Crossroads Chatter*, and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. We provide referrals to other organizations nationwide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. We also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

**Security:** Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

**CROSSROADS OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN:** See *'Crossroads Chapter,' above.*

**NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:** N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202; (313) 842-5258. Justina Williams, President.

**Nature:** N.G.D.O. is a non-profit support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers.

**Services:** We publish *The N.G.D.O. Key to Freedom*. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee.

**Security:** The N.G.D.O. protects the privacy of its members. You can trust us. Meetings are held at a safe location.

**THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area):** Theta Omega Gamma, c/o Tri-Ess, P.O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temp. address).

**Nature:** Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

**TV/TS GENDER FORUM:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CROSSDRESSERS:** Adress invalid at this time. Grace Bacon, Director.

**Nature:** An organization dedicated to education and outreach.

**Services:** Publishes and distributes the informational pamphlet *An Overview of Crossdressing, Transvestism, and Transsexualism.*

**I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:** I.M.E. of Western Michigan, P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501.

**Nature:** Social, support, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others, regardless of sexual orientation.

**Services:** Social outlet of the Cross Dresser. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials.

**Security:** All member files are strictly confidential. Prospective members must sign a pledge of confidentiality.

## *IOWA (500-528)*

**CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**IOWA ARTISTRY:** Iowa Artistry, Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406.

**Nature:** Support group for TVs and their families and gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess.

**Services:** Bi-monthly newsletter, rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs.

**Security:** Inquire.

**IOTA ALPHA, TRI-ESS:** *See Iowa Artistry, above.*

**QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:** Quad-City Society for Sexuality Education, 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802. (319) 324-6941 6 - 9pm.

**Nature:** Social support group for all genderists, gays, crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meeting the first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

## *WISCONSIN (530-548)*

*CHANGING MEN: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:** *See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

*TV/TS CONNECTION: See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH:** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**PATHWAYS COUNSELING CENTER:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

## *MINNESOTA (550-567)*

**MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION:** MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117.

**Nature:** An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons.

**Services:** Newsletter, peer support, services' listings for members.

**Security:** Interview required, confidential membership listings used for newsletter and related organizational mailings only.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**DISTRICT 202:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:** CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55416. (612) 229-3613.

**Nature:** Monthly meetings. The group's purpose is to provide a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. We are a non-sexual group when together; however, personal orientation is not considered when newcomers apply to join us.

**Security:** A personal interview before coming to the first party.

**SCD PUBLISHING:** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

## *NORTH DAKOTA (570-577)*

## *SOUTH DAKOTA (580-588)*

## *MONTANA (590-599)*

## *ILLINOIS (600-629)*

**CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS:** Chi Chapter, P O Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040. Hot Line: (708) 364-9514.

**Nature:** Chicago Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, a non-profit organization for heterosexual crossdressers.

**Services:** Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, newsletter, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.

**Security:** Inquire.

**THE SUNDAY SOCIETY:** The Sunday Society, P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647; (312) 486-3125 and (312) 252-7024, Sheila L. Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder.

**Nature:** Non-profit transsexual outreach and support organization.

**Services:** Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Computer bulletin board "The Sunday Society US TOO BBS" 7 nights a week from 10:00pm to 12:00am or by request. 2400, 1200, or 300 baud, 8-N-1 parity, color, mono, or no graphics.

**Security:** Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.

**CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY:** CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657; (312) 434-5445

**Nature:** Non-profit social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, their significant others, and supportive friends.

**Services:** Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, monthly newsletter.

**Security:** Inquire.

**US TOO:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION (CIGA):** CIGA, P O Box 126, Washington IL 61571; contact: JoAnn (309) 444-9918.

**Nature:** CIGA is a non-profit, non-sexual association emphasizing support for the male-to-female and female-to-male TV and TS and their significant others. Significant Others are encouraged to participate in our outreach program as well as monthly social events.

**Services:** Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday - no charge. $20 annual dues includes the monthly newsletter.

**Security:** All members have pledged confidentiality. Interview required.

## *MISSOURI (630-658)*

**ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION:** St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. Voice mailbox: (314) 567-8615. Please leave contact information.

**Nature:** MAGGIE affiliate, A social support group for all CDs, TVs, and TSs. Open acceptance for friends, relatives, and professionals. Meets monthly in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events.

**Services:** A bi-monthly newsletter, the *Gateway Femmes Gazette*, club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOS group meets for spouses, professionals and significant others.

**KAPPA GAMMA MU, TRI-ESS:** Kappa Gamma Mu, P O Box 98, Belton MO 64012-0098.

**Nature:** Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** See "Society for the Second Self," Tulare, California.

**TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6

**Nature:** Education, advocacy, and support.

**Services:** Quarterly newsletter, legal support.

## *KANSAS (660-679)*

**I.F.G.E. HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT:** See *RESEARCH.*

**CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS:** CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204.

**Nature:** Support for crossdressers and transsexuals and their friends.

**Services:** MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Non-profit, non-sexual social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting and social night the third Saturday of each month. Newsletter, partner support, Big Sister program.

**Security:** Inquire.

**GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Gender Dysphoria Support, P O Box 15561, Shawnee Mission KS 66215; (913) 371-0658; Anne Ogborn, Facilitator.

**Nature:** Social/support group for people who are in transition, or have changed gender.

**Services:** Provides peer group support for people in and post transition, and their significant others. Dedicated to providing services to F-M's and M-F's equally. Open to people of all sexual orientations. Meet Friday evenings.

**Security:** Contact Anne Ogborn.

**WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** Wichita Transgender Alliance, P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067.

**Nature:** MAGGIE affiliate. Non-sexual peer support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their spouses, and significant others. Group is open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion.

**Services:** Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, newsletter, brochures.

**Security:** A chat with an officer of the Alliance to ensure that you'd benefit from membership. Privacy is assured.

## *NEBRASKA (680-693)*

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

**Nature:** MAGGIE affiliate. Non-profit educational, support, and social group for TVs, TSs, and significant others.

**Services:** Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter *The Transformer*, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library.

**Security:** Inquire.

**RHO CHI RHO CHAPTER - TRI ESS:** Chapter discontinued. Contact: River City Gender Alliance, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

## *LOUISIANA (700-714)*

**TRI DELTA CHI, TRI-ESS:** Tri Delta Chi, Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300.

**Nature:** New Orleans chapter of the Society for the Second Self serving members in southeast Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and northwest Florida. This is an organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/SOs, and is primarily a "social" support group.

**Services:** Meetings the second Saturday of every month in New Orleans. Newsletter, *The Flip Side*, published monthly.

**Security:** Screening required for new members.

## *ARKANSAS (716-729)*

**MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** Mu Sigma, P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.

**Nature:** See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

## *OKLAHOMA (730-749)*

**CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104; (918) 582-6643/835-5334.

**Nature:** Social organization and support group welcomes TVs, TSs, and interested parties. No one excluded for sex or sexual preference.

**Services:** Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

**Security:** Confidentiality is assured and expected.

## *TEXAS (750-799)*

***HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME:*** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK:** ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001. (214) 641-4842, Aaron Davis, (214) 641-1822 (BBS data).

**Nature:** FTM support organization. Prosthesis research for FTM, physician referral, physician outreach, gender education.

**Services:** Monthly meetings, $10 donation per meeting, newsletter.

**Security:** Referrals from other support organizations or physicians.

**DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER:** Delta Omega, P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021. Hotline: Metro (817) 261-3253 ("live" Wednesday 7-11 pm, otherwise answering machine).

**Nature:** Social support group for heterosexual TVs and their significant others. Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

**Services:** Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. **Help Me, Accept Me** discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Publishes *The Texas Rose* newsletter.

**Security:** Screening requireed for new members.

**TRI-PLEX GENDER ASSOCIATION:** TPGA, P O Box 381, Riesel TX 76682. Information line (817) 867-1077 most evenings.

**Nature:** Transgender support.

**Services:** Meetings the fourth Saturday of each month in Waco or Dallas. Times and location will be in Boulton & Park's *Gender EUPHORIA*. TPGA members will receive *Gender EUPHORIA*.

**Security:** Screening required for new members.

**HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE/NW:** HTGA-NW, c/o Marlina Dawn Murphy, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413; (915) 944-1381 (after 7:00pm CT).

**Nature:** Transgender support group.

**Services:** Meetings the second Saturday of each month in San Angelo, Texas. Newsletter, *Petticoat Junction* published monthly.

**Security:** Personal interview followed by invitation. Write for more information.

***PETTICOAT JUNCTION MAGAZINE:*** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS:** Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Building, 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 560, Houston TX 77058; (713) 333-2278.

**Nature:** TS-Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area, Saturday, 2-5pm, July 11, 1992 and November 14, 1992. $5 charge for refreshments. Please call before coming.

**GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY:** GCTC, P.O. Box 90335, Houston TX 77090; (713) 780-3553 voice.

**Nature:** Formerly the Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter, GCTC is a social organization for CDs, TSs, SOs, and others in the transgender community.

**Services:** Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Monthly newsletter, *Gulf Coast Transgender Community*. Sponsors annual "Fantasy Adventure Weekend."

**Security:** Screening required for new members.

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS:** TATS, P O Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401.

**Nature:** Non-profit social support group for transsexuals and their significant others.

**Services:** Meetings and newsletter.

**TAU CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS:** Tau Chi, Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105. (713) 988-8064 voice.

**Nature:** Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** Newsletter, *Femme Forum*, published monthly. Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. **Wives and Partners Auxiliary** meets the second Friday of the month. **Boys R Us** meets monthly (meet male self). **Heterosexual Crossdressers Anonymous (HCDA)** meets every Wednesday evening.

**Security:** Screening required for new members.

**ROSENBERG CLINIC:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES.*

**WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT:** WATS, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. Helpline: (210) 438-7604, before 9:00pm, CT, please.

**Nature:** A support group for women involved with transgendred men.

**Services:** Monthly meetings the third Saturday of the month, 3:00pm. Newsletter published four times a year, *Partners*.

**Security:** Interview. Names are confidential.

**HEART OF TEXAS (ETA TAU) CHAPTER - TRI-ESS:** HT, P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. Helpline (512) 438 7604, before 9:00pm CT, please.

**Nature:** A non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their spouses/partners, and families.

**Services:** Meetings on the third Saturday of each month north of San Antonio, TX. Newsletter, *Cross Currents*, published every other month. Spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Crossdressers Support (WACS). Social activities and outreach education program.

**Security:** Interview required before attending meeting. Mailings discreet. Membership lists confidential.

**SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** SATSG, P O Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212.

**Nature:** Non-profit support group exclusively for transsexuals. Affiliated professionals available for help and support.

**Services:** Monthly newsletter. Meetings the third Saturday of each month.

**Security:** Interview required.

**BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY:** Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042. Help-line: (512) 545-3668 live Wed., 7:00pm-9:30pm CT. FAX (Mon.-Fri. approx 6am-5pm CT): (512) 545-4888. BBS (daily, approx. 5- 6am CT): (512) 545-4888 - leave private messages to SysOp.

**Nature:** Non-profit Texas corporation for gender transposition education, open, non-sexual. Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Spouses/partners, families, and friends welcome.

**Services:** Meetings the first Saturday of each month, monthly newsletter *Gender Euphoria*, local referrals for vendors and helping professionals, community education, reference library, referral to other support groups, sponsor of annual convention Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Crossdressers Support (WACS), couples support, TS issues group, and "newly emerging" group. Annual voting membership $25.00 (add $5.00 for spouse membership), subscription only (12 issues) $15.00.

**Security:** All membership applicants screened for sincerity prior to meeting attendance. All mailings are discreet. Membership/mailing list is confidential.

**THE OTHER SIDE:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**SOUTH-CENTRAL TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE REGION (STAR) CONNECTION:** For information, contact Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042.

**Nature:** STAR Connection is a coalition of support groups in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

**Services:** Coordination of regional support group activities. Speakers bureau, quarterly member support group information published, membership exchange program for participating groups, etc. Group representatives meet 3-4 times a year to work on regional issues. Group membership is voluntary and self-selecting. Open to all transgender support groups in the region.

**Member Groups:** Texas - Alpha Chi Chapter, Boulton & Park Society, Delta Omega Chapter, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Heart of Texas Chapter, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance (NW), Tau Chi Chapter, Tri-Plex Gender Association, Women Associated with Crossdressers Support; Louisiana - Tri Delta Chi Chapter; Oklahoma - Sigma Beta; New Mexico - Fiesta Chapter (tentative member).

**AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** Austin Second Image, P O Box 14965, Austin TX 78761. Hotline (512) 515-5460 Wednesdays 7-9pm.

**Nature:** Non-sexual educational and social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. All enjoy full membership with equal voting rights. "Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be

my friend." Camus.

**Services:** Monthly meeting in the Austin area. Telephone help line. Educational outreach.

**Security:** Personal interview followed by invitation.

**ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS:** Alpha Chi, P O Box 50266, Amarillo TX 79159. Helpline: (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

**Nature:** A non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers their spouses/partners, and families.

**Services:** Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.

**Security:** Screening required. Membership lists confidential.

**FIRST SATURDAY:** Meets in El Paso TX, see listing under NM.

## *COLORADO (800-816)*

**GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver):** Delta Chapter, P.O. Box 803, Evergreen CO 80439-0803.

**Nature:** A non-profit, non-sexual support/social group exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

**Services:** Monthly meetings and activities, monthly newsletter addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network. Annual dues $15.00. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine, *Femme Mirror*, and chapters throughout the US.

**Security:** Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual and will comply with the Tri-Ess code of conduct.

**GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.:** GIC, 3715 West 32nd Avenue, Denver CO 80211. (303) 458-5378. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate .

**Nature:** A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

**Services:** G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. These areas include medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, and other related matters. G.I.C. also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline.

**CROSS LINK:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC:** Contact through GIC, above; (303) 458 5378.

**Nature:** A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

**Services:** Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

**NORTHERN COLORADO/ WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC:** Contact through Gender Identity Center, above; (303) 458 5378.

**Nature:** A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

**Services:** Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

## *WYOMING (820-831)*

**WYOMING / NORTH COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER:** Contact via the Gender Identity Center, (303) 458-5378, for information and directions to the meeting place.

## *IDAHO (832-838)*
## *UTAH (840-847)*

**ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS:** Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.

**Nature:** Heterosexual crossdressers' support group for TVs and their families.

**Services:** See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

**Security:** Inquire.

## *ARIZONA (850-864)*

**JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**COUNSELING ASSOCIATES:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**A ROSE:** A Rose, P O Box 24623, Tempe AZ 85285-4623.

**Nature:** A non-sexual support group for TVs, TSs, their wives, friends, and relatives.

**Services:** Social activities, meetings, educational programs. Publishes *A Rose News* monthly newsletter.

**Security:** Inquire

**ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS:** Alpha Zeta, P O Box 24459, Tempe AZ 85285-4459.

**Nature:** A support group for heterosexual crossdressers, and their significant others.

**Services:** Social activities, monthly meetings. Publishes *The Cactus Flower* newsletter.

**Security:** Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required.

**SORORITY:** Sorority, P O Box 50151, Tucson AZ 85703-1151.

**Nature:** Support group for TVs, TSs, TGs, and gay CDs.

**Services:** Education and support about makeup and clothes.

**Security:** Inquire.

**GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE:** Gender Crisis Help Line, 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies (602) 293-3456.

**Nature:** Referral Service offering referrals to local professionals specializing in gender dysphoria: cosmetic surgeons, groups, events, and educational opportunities for the gender community.

**Services:** A listening ear and a current list of professionals.

**Security:** All calls confidential.

## *NEW MEXICO (870-884)*

**FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess:** Fiesta, 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.

**Nature:** Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. This is the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess.

**Services:** Newsletter, *Fiesta!* published monthly. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area.

**Security:** Screening required for new members.

**PHI CHAPTER, TRI-ESS:** See Fiesta, above.

**CD/TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** Address invalid at this time.

**Nature:** An unaffiliated open group offering support, acceptance, and understanding for crossdressers and their families.

**Services:** Meetings the 3rd Tuesday of every month (dressing not required). Anyone with an interest in crossdressing is welcome to attend.

**Security:** Ensured via mutual discretion and respect.

**FIRST SATURDAY FOR TV/TS:** Address invalid at this time.

**Nature:** Support group for all TVs and TSs in the area.

**Services:** Meetings are the first Saturday of the month at the Whatever Club in El Paso, Texas.

**Security:** Person must meet with a member and establish their credentials. Call to set up an appointment.

## *NEVADA (890-898)*

**JENNIFER & FRIENDS:** Jennifer & Friends, P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432.

**Nature:** Social support group for CDs, TSs, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

**Security:** Personal interview with one board member.

## *SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)*

**AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028; (213) 469-4709; Amanda Silvestri, Director.

**Nature:** A non-profit organization serving the transgender and transsexual community.

**Services:** Confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical and psychological help, speakers, and a newsletter.

**Security:** Open.

**ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS:** Alpha Chapter, P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036; (213) 876-6141, ask for Virginia. Kymberleigh Richards, President, Virginia Prince Founder Emeritus.

**Nature:** Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters.

**Services:** Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/partners/ families. Publishes *Alpha Bits* newsletter.

**Security:** Members are expected to join national Tri-Ess. Mailing list accessible only by officers for official purposes.

**CROSS-CONNECTION:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**ANDROGYNY:** Rachel Irving, P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90048; (213) 467-8317 ask for

Shirley or Sheila, (213) 856-4867 ask for Rachel. Please mention that you are calling about Androgyny. Call between 9:00am and 9:00pm Pacific time.

Nature: Social and support group for those who crossdress.

Services: Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm until 10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA.

*DRAGAZINE*: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** Club Cherchez la Femme, P O Box 14521, Long Beach CA 90803.

Nature: Private membership club for CDs and those who appreciate the drag scene.

Services: Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details. Dues $5 or $10.

Security: Confidential membership.

**ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806.

Nature: Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome.

Services: On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City. $5 cover, free buffet, free copies of *TV Epic*.

**CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB:** CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009. Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142.

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or cross-dressers only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: We sponsor meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. We publish a monthly newsletter, *CHIC Clippings*, and sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month.

Security: Meetings are closed except to members and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members and (if a home meeting) the hostess. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the Membership Committee, and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

**CD SOCIAL GROUP:** CD Social Support Group, PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.

Nature: A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for more information.

**NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT:** See *RESEARCH.*

*THE CROSSDRESSERS QUARTERLY*: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

*CROSS-TALK*: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**NEUTRAL CORNER:** Neutral Corner, P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112. TV/TS information line (619) 685-3696.

Nature: A self-help group for cross-dressers, transsexuals, and their families. Its purpose is to help its members live a normal and productive life.

Services: Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, and a list of helping professionals.

Security: Inquire.

**PHOENIX RISING:** Phoenix Rising, c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852.

Nature: A support/social group for transsexuals in transition stages.

Services: Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

Security: Sponsorship by current member required.

**THE PRINCE INSTITUTE:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES:** See *TerraNetBBS in COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**TERRANET BBS:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

**LADIES KNIGHT OUT:** Ladies Knight Out, P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713; (714) 262-9105.

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group for TVs and their wives or sig. others.

Services: Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun.

Security: Call or write.

**GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA):** Omega Chi, P O Box 9091, Anaheim CA 92802.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

**POWDER PUFFS OF ORANGE COUNTY:** PPOC, P.O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686. Information line: (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message.

Nature: Open, non-sexual social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Publishes monthly newsletter, *PPOC Girl Talk*. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern California Gender Leadership Council.

Security: There us no formal application for admission to the club, but an interview by club officer is required. Club lists are strictly confidential.

**TRI-CHI:** Tri-Chi, P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.

Nature: Social and support group for CDs and their significant others.

Security/Services: See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

**SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF:** Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275; (512) 438-7788 live Monday 6-9:30pm.

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine, *Femme Mirror*, and chapters throughout the US.

Security: Membership in Tri-Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual and will comply with the Tri-Ess code of conduct.

*THE AMERICAN CROSSDRESSER*: See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES:** GCA, c/o Ms. Tauria Linala, P O Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93456.
See also listing under *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

Nature: GCA is a non-profit educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. All referrals require a $10 intake fee along with a written request. Also a professional medical, psychological and legal services co-op (see Professional Medical and Psychological Health Services).

Services: Local support group serving Central California. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Gender and sex information; referrals for medical and professional support, personal care, correspondence and peer-linking. International contacts. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contributions are welcome and tax-deductible.

Security: Confidential and non-judgmental.

**SIGMA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS:** See Alpha Chapter Tri-Ess, serving the Los Angeles area.

## *NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)*

**GENDER AND SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**FPSG:** FPSG, #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990.

Nature: Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY.

Services: Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men of color.

**EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, P.O. Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486; Hotline: (510) 549-2665 (if no answer call Telzey at (510) 849-4112).

**Nature:** ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, Significant Others, and friends. It is intended as a social and educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC is non-sexual, and has an open membership policy with over 400 members.

**Services:** ETVC publishes the *ETVC Newsletter*, and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals.

**Security:** The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the officers are permitted access to these lists, except in the case of judicial process. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of another member to anyone, except with the other member's expressed permission.

**THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** See *LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.*

**SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION:** SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.

**Nature:** Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues.

**Services:** Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further information.

**SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT:** SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486.

**Nature:** Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of crossdressers and transsexuals.

**Services:** Meetings and a newsletter.

**Security:** See 'ETVC.'

**GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS:** No mailing address.

**Nature:** A non-judgmental transgender support group.

**Services:** Meetings every Thursday in the Science of Mind room at 3255 Balboa Street (near 34th Avenue), San Francisco.

**DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS:** DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885; (510) 849-4112.

**Nature:** Informal, non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their friends, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. Publishes the *Devil Woman* newsletter.

**Security:** DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons. Confidentiality is assured and expected.

**FEMALE-TO-MALE:** FTM, 5337 College Ave. #142,Oakland CA 94618.

**Nature:** Support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others.

**Services:** Inquire.

**Security:** Inquire.

**REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D.:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**THURSDAY IRREGULARS:** Thursday Irregulars, c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541.

**Nature:** For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves.

**Security:** The group is very security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

**RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION:** RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170.

**Nature:** Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Non-profit, non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others regardless of their gender or sexual orientation.

**Services:** Our objective is to provide a safe and welcome place for male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals, transvestites, and their significant others to get together with like-minded individuals. Attendance at all RGA functions is open to all regardless of gender. We also promote the complete development of RGA members as complete men and women through emotional support and education. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept and make peace with themselves. We publish a newsletter and sponsor social programs, peer support, outreach work, and public education. Visitors are welcome.

**RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION:** See *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS.*

***FOCUS:*** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

***GenderFlex:*** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456; (800) 585-7742.

**Nature:** SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community, their spouses, significant others, and professionals. Membership is open to all interested persons regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

**Services:** Monthly socials, support groups (TV/TS/SO), newsletter.

**Security:** All mailing and membership lists are kept confidential. Only certain officers have access.

**SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP:** Address invalid at this time.

**Nature:** JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc. JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community and to the S/M community about itself. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual.

**Services:** Monthly program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

**Security:** All membership lists and mailings are kept in strictest confidence.

**NORTH STATE GENDER CENTER:** Address invalid at this time. (916) 529-2201.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others. Provides peer support and referrals to appropriate professionals for clients only.

**Security:** Call hotline for an appointment with Client Acceptance Committee.

**SIGMA SIGMA BETA, TRI-ESS:** Sierra Silver Belles, P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.

**Nature:** Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

## *HAWAII (967-969)*

**HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH:** HTGO, 1142 Auahi Street, Suite 3114, Honolulu HI 96814-3128; (808) 923-4270.

**Nature:** Social and support group for TVs and TSs.

**Services:** Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, informational newsletter.

**Security:** Screening by contact person.

**SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

## *OREGON (970-979)*

**NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE:** NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208; (503) 774-8463.

**Nature:** A non-profit, non-sexual social organization serving the crossdressing community.

**Services:** The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all of our girls to attend as often as possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.

**Security:** Private interview with the chapter president.

**ROSE CITY GENDER CENTER:** Address invalid at this time. (503) 230-1036. All functions are held at the Living Communion Church, 3830 SE 62nd (Between Powell and Foster), Portland.

**CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:** Capitol City Chapter, P.O. Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.

**Nature:** Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

**Services:** Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings.

**Security:** Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

**SALMACIS:** The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist; (503) 688-4282 ( 6-11 PM PST).

**Nature:** Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women.

**Services:** Direct telephone

counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Also publish *Femmes Together* and *The Equalitarian Feminist*. The Salmacis Social Society meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.

**SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network:** SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.

**Nature:** A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle.

**Services:** The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

## *WASHINGTON(980-994)*

**TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS:** TLF, Seattle Washington; (206) 292-1037.

**Nature:** A social group for transsexuals and lesbians. Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend.

**Services:** We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee.

**Security:** New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free.

**EMERALD CITY:** Emerald City, P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103; hotline (206) 284-1071.

**Nature:** The Emerald City is a social, educational, non-profit, non-sexual organization serving the crossdressing community.

**Services:** Offers frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Publishes a monthly newsletter. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of crossdressing. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of cross-dressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance.

**Security:** Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at other events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored by a member and accepted by the Board. Confidentiality of member information is carefully maintained.

**OMEGA ALPHA, TRI-ESS:** Omega Alpha, P O Box 876, Stanwood WA 98292.

**Nature:** Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

**THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

## *ALASKA (995-999)*

**THE BERDACHE SOCIETY:** Berdache Society, c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 203134, Anchorage AK 99520-3134. Nora Jean York, Co-founder.

**Nature:** A non-profit, non-sexual, social, organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered community.

**Services:** Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Newsletter, *The Berdache Voice*. Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials.

**Security:** Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

## *CANADA*

**ETRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.:** Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2; (418) 529-1152.

**Nature:** French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M.

**Services:** Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs.

**Security:** Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.

**FACT - QUEBEC:** FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6.

**Nature:** Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

**Services:** Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others.

**Security:** Inquire.

**TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distribution Director/Canadian Regional Director, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6.

**Nature:** Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities.

**Services:** Counseling services and working with the TS who is pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. Quarterly newsletter.

**Security:** All incoming mail is screened to insure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered.

**CLUB MET (Formerly TAM):** Club MET, 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8; (514) 528-8874.

**Nature:** Non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter, *Garter Press*, $30 per year.

***TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:*** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**FACT - OTTAWA:** FACT, Box 9155, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1G 3T9.

**Nature:** Support group primarily for transsexuals.

**Services:** Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

**Security:** Contact FACT president through the Ottawa Gayline (613) 238-1717. Arrange a time for a callback.

***NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND:*** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSINAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**TRANSEQUAL:** Contact line (416) 688-0276.

**Nature:** TransEqual is a network of cooperating activist members who assist one another in Canadian-based rights advocacy projects promoting the equality issues of transgenderists and transsexuals.

**Services:** Information kits, Canadian-based rights information, support for other rights active groups.

**Security:** Membership is limited to publicly known "rights on" transsexuals and transgenderists. Mailing lists are confidential.

**GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**TRANSITION SUPPORT:** Transition Support, c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.

**Nature:** Transsexual support.

**Services:** Annual membership fee ($25.00 Cdn) includes monthly meetings and 12-issue sub to *Trans News* newsletter. Newsletter subscription alone, $15.00. Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public.

**Security:** None. Inquire for details.

**GENDERSERVE:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**CHRYSALLIS:** Chrysallis, Box 30, 12 Water St., Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA N2H 5A5.

**Nature:** Support group.

**Services:** Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, 7:00-10:00pm.

**Security:** Inquire.

**STREET OUTREACH SERVICES:** SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8; (416) 926-0744 (24 hours).

**Nature:** Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution.

**Services:** Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one workers, 24-hour crisis line.

**GENDER MOSAIC:** Address invalid at this time.

**Nature:** Social support group for transgendered persons and their companions.

**Services:** Meetings twice a month, occasional social functions, bi-monthly newsletter, *Notes from the Underground*, educational pamphlet resource and survival guide. Annual fee.

**Security:** Private interview with a qualified member.

**CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB:** Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2A4; (416) 921-6112, 24 hours.

**Nature:** Open, non-sexual, support, social and educational

outreach club with an accent on FUN for cross-dressers, transsexuals, transgenderists, spouses, significant others, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens.

**Services:** Parties on the second and fourth Fridays, and every Saturday. Membership includes *CDC Magazine* subscription. The third Saturday is Ladies' Night Out in a local restaurant. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto.

**Security:** Modest screening process. Arrive dressed, or dress at the Club. Write, call, or send $8.00 for current *Canadian Crossdresser Magazine.*

*TORONTO CDC NEWS:* See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB:** MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1. (416) 949-6602.

**Nature:** Non-profit non-sexual social organization serving TVs and TSs, spouses, significant others, and friends.

**Services:** Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service for others. Newsletter and annual yearbook. Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide.* Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the first weekend in October.

**Security:** By membership referral or application and interview.

**PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB:** Prairie Rose Gender Club, P O Box 45091, Regent Postal Outlet, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 5C7 CANADA

**Nature:** Open, non-sexual support, social and educational club with accent on fun. Club is just forming, so please correspond to learn of when and where meetings will be. Inquiries welcome.

**Security:** Modest screening process, filling in application form.

**PHI SIGMA TRI-ESS:** Phi Sigma, Box 803, 6808 Ogden Road S. E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2H 1B4.

**Nature:** Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

**Services:** Meets informally six times a year. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

**Security:** Inquire.

**ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Illusions Social Club, Box 2000, 6808 Ogden Rd. S.E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4.

**Nature:** Non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meetings twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter.

**ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Illusions Social Club, Box 33002 Glenwood PO, Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P 4V8.

**Nature:** Non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meetings twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter. *Illusions.*

**Security:** Inquire.

**TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, CANADA V4P 1A4; (604) 536-2053.

**Nature:** Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are transsexuals visiting from other cities.

**Services:** Meetings held 7:00pm-11:00pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place.

**Security:** By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

*GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC: Vancouver* See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**DREAM GIRLS:** Dream Girls, P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C-5L7.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information.

**Security:** Private interview required.

**CORNBURY SOCIETY:** Cornbury Society, Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1.

**Nature:** Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers and wives.

**Services/Security:** Inquire.

**TAU NU, TRI-ESS:** See Gender Mosaic, above.

## *MEXICO*

**MORENO & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

## *ENGLAND*

**BEAUMONT SOCIETY:** BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX England. Information 081-756-1782.

**Nature:** Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

**Services:** Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Bi-monthly magazine: *The Beaumont Bulletin*, which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, and articles on related matters. Beaumont provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide.

**Security:** Private interview with a qualified member.

**WOBS - THE B S PARTNERS GROUP:** BM, WOBS London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

**Nature:** A support group for partners and families of transsexuals.

**Services:** A confidential support network by which people with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

**Security:** Inquire.

**SEAHORSE SOCIETY:** BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

**Nature:** A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals.

**Services:** Regular newsletter, social events, etc.

**Security:** Confidentiality assured.

**BEAUMONT TRUST:** BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

**Nature:** Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations.

**Services:** Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and his or her family to come to terms with the problem.

**Security:** Inquire.

**FTM NETWORK:** FTM, BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND.

**Nature:** Social support group for female to male TSs.

**Services:** Quarterly newsletter, *Boy's Own*, advice, referrals, occasional social events for F-Ms and their loved ones.

**TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** The TV/TS Group, 2 French Place, Shoreditch, London ENGLAND E1 6JB (off Bateman's Row). Helpline: 071-729-1466. Hours: 8-10pm Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

**Nature:** Support/social Group for TVs, TSs, families and friends. Registered Charity #295376; member of the National Council of Voluntary Organizations (NCVO).

**Services:** Peer support for CDs, TSs, wives and partners. Publishes *The Glad Rag* and other useful and informative publications. Meetings Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Comfortable lounge, refreshments, social areas, storage lockers, dressing room.

**Security:** Open meetings, but VERY conscious of the need for individual security. All that is asked is a name to call you by.

**PARTNERS' SUPPORT GROUP (TV/TS/ SUPPORT):** 081-204-4187 most days between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm.

**Nature:** Special telephone helpline for WOMEN (wives, mothers, etc.)

**Security:** See above

**THE GENDER TRUST:** BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND. Helpline 071 730 7453 from 7-10pm Thursdays for transsexuals. 7-10pm Tuesdays for transvestites.

**Nature:** A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well.

**Security:** Confidentiality assured.

**THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT):** The Gender Dysphoria Trust, BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND Helpline 0323 641100.

**Nature:** A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual.

**Services:** Bi-monthly newsletter, *dyscourse*, handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members.

**Security:** Confidentiality assured.

**NEW TRANSESSEX:** New TreansEssex, P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT; 0268-583761, Wednesday and Sunday evenings 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

**Nature:** TV/TS social club.

**Services:** Meetings 2nd Friday of every month at the Kavorah Manor.

**Security:** Inquire. Help line. Very secure.

**LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP:** Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary. 051 709 4745 Friday evenings only.

**Nature:** See 'Beaumont Society.'

**Services:** Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm.

**INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY:** IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB.

**Nature:** An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups.

**Services:** Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but freewill contributions needed and welcome.

**Security:** As applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

**MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER IDENTITY:** See *LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.*

***BOY'S OWN*** See *COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

**THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester):** Jenny Baker, The Northern Concord, P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND.

**Nature:** A non-profit social and support group for transvestites, transsexuals, their wives and significant others. Associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group.

**Services:** Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar, meals. Accomodation available. Publishes a quarterly magazine *Cross Talk.*

**Security:** Inquire.

**ROSE'S:** Rose's, P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND; 0742-342870.

**Nature:** A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.'

**Services:** Regular social evenings and parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Quarterly publication *Repartee.*

**Security:** Confidentiality assured.

## *SCOTLAND*

**GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP:** 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND. 03398 83695.

**Nature:** Open to members of other groups.

**Services:** Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester, 03398 83695.

**TRANS-TRAP:** See *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL AND PSUCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES.*

**THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP:** address invalid at this time. 031 556 4049 (7.30-10.00pm).

**Nature:** Non-profit non-sexual TV/TS Support Group.

**Security:** Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh, at 1.00 for 2.00pm. Meetings in Glasgow every second and fourth Monday from 7.00pm. Very conscious of the need for individual security. Wives and partners welcome.

**TRANSCLYDE:** See CROSSLYNX.

**CROSSLYNX TV/TS GROUP:** Crosslynx, c/o SLGS, P O Box 38, Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.

**Nature:** Provide help and support to all TVs, TSs, TGs, their spouses, families, and friends. No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation.

**Services:** Meets in Glasgow on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-10pm. For details call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372.

**Security:** Inquire. We are conscious of the need for security.

## *IRELAND*

**BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB:** BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB, P.O. Box 210, Belfast BT1 1BG N. IRELAND.

**Nature:** Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends.

**Services:** Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

**TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE:** See *LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES.*

## *FRANCE*

**ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE:** Association Beaumont Continentale, c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.

**Nature:** See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

**DOTEURS DE FRANCE:** Doteurs de France, Chateau de la Frogerie, 45240 Ligay le Ribault, FRANCE. Phone: 38454100.

**Nature:** This is a continuation of the work started by Pasteur Douce and the CCL.

## *SWITZERLAND*

**KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE:** KFT, 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788.

**Nature:** Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

## *NETHERLANDS*

**DE STICHTING REBORN:** De Stichting REBORN, Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS. Immanuel B. de Vries. 010-4503469.

**Nature:** Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Bi-monthly newsletter.

## *GERMANY*

**TRANSIDENTITAS:** Transidentitas, Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitat, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY. Phone: 069 8001008.

**Nature:** Support group for transvestites and transsexuals.

**Services:** Inquire.

**TV CLUB HAMBURG:** Postfach 26 14 26, 2000 Hamburg 26 GERMANY. Phone: 040.250.13.13 (Christel Grunwald).

**Nature:** Inquire.

**Services:** Inquire.

**TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE:** Transvestitengruppe, c/o MANNEGE, FRIEDRICHSTRASSE 165 (HAUS DER DEMOKRATIE) 1080 BERLIN GERMANY; phone: 030 208 21 57.

**Nature:** Support group for men who like to crossdress.

**Services:** Counseling, monthly open meetings every first Monday at 7:30 pm at the above address, rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society.

Formerly known as MANNER IN FRAUENKLEIDEN.

**VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.:** VIVA Muenchen, c/o Simone-Yvonne Budzyn, P O Box 710232, W-8000 Muenchen 71, GERMANY. Phone 089-7916643 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

**Nature:** Self-help group for male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals.

**Services:** Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and a Christmas meeting.

**Security:** Write for more information.

## *NORWAY*

**F.P.E. (Northern Europe):** FPE-NE, Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY.

**Nature:** A non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway.

**Services:** Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Publishes *Feminform,* an informative, quarterly publication. A private library for members.

**Security:** Private interview with qualified member.

## *SWEDEN*

**F.P.E. NE:** FPE-NE, Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN.

**Nature:** See F.P.E. Northern Europe.

**Services:** Publishes *Feminform,* the magazine for FPE-NE. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month.

**Security:** Private interview with qualified member.

**F.P.E.-SWEDEN:** FPE-S, Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN

**Nature:** A non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites.

**Services:** Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Publishes *Feminform* quarterly. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances.

**Security:** Private interview with qualified member.

**SETA:** SETA, P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND. Phone: 358-0-1358302.

**Nature:** National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals, where they are known, around the country.

**Services:** Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki.

## *DENMARK*

**F.P.E. NE:** FPE-NE, Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, Denmark.

**Nature:** See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

**Services:** Monthly meetings.

## *TURKEY*

**TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE:** A group representing Transvestites and Transsexuals of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish. c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY. Phone: 1578925.

**SEXUAL LIBERTIES:** Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.

**Nature:** This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. This includes a representative from the above community.

## *PAKISTAN*

**KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN:** Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, Pakistan. Phone code 05921 6158 and leave message, or 05921 2858. Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.

## *EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS*

**GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY OF LATVIA:** Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, 2015 LV, LATVIA.

**Services:** Proposes to publish a newsletter for Latvia and the world, *Phoenix Rising*. Networking TV/TS/TGs in the western republics of the former eastern bloc. Filtering news, exchanging data, contacts, referrals, etc.**Security:** Confidentiality assured.

**Special Needs:** Information exchange, reduced rate services and equipment supply, in respect of soft - currency of the country. Free-will donations of clothing/shoes/wigs/breast forms welcome. Agencies at discount if it can be arranged. All and any academic material contemporary about TV/TS to educate their authorities, media and the proletariate.

## *RUSSIA*

**ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW:** Margaret Mankevich, 678190 Aihal, Yakutia, Gagarina Str No 28, Flat No 3, RUSSIA. Telephone 1119.

**Services:** A TV/TS support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention.

**Security:** Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOP.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number.

**Special Needs:** Educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invitation is still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel.

## *JAPAN*

**ELIZABETH CLUB:** 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN. Telephone 03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

**Nature:** The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya.

**Services:** We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine called *Queen* every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan. DO NOT attend dressed!

**ELIZABETH CLUB:** Elizabeth Club, 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.

**Nature:** The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya.

**Services:** We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine called *Queen* every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan. . DO NOT attend dressed!

**ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP:** 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN See Elizabeth Club listings above.

**ANT TRADING COMPANY:** *Publisher of QUEEN Magazine. See COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND SERVICES.*

## *AUSTRALIA*

**THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.:** The Secretary, Box 168, Westgate, New South Wales 2048, AUSTRALIA.

**Nature:** The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a non-profit social organization for crossdressers and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association.

**Services:** Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers.

**Security:** Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar (Beaumont, Tiffany, etc.) organization.

**SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND:** Seahorse Club, Denyse Stewart, PO Box 386, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Australia. Complete details of activities not yet available.

**THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA:** SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.

**Nature:** The largest continuously active club in Australia. A non-profit, non-sexual social/support organization for cross-dressers and their families.

**Services:** SSV regularly publishes the *Seahorse Victoria* newsletter. We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.

**Security:** Inquire.

**THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION:** No longer active.

**CARROUSEL CLUB:** Carrousel Club, c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033.

**Nature:** Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

**Services:** Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well.

**Security:** Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

**THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT:** EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018,Australia; tel 3692613.

**Nature:** A non-profit self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting.

**Services:** Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Publish the *Nu-Scene* newsletter.

**Security:** Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that the visitor or member behaves in a civil manner and bears us no ill will.

## *NEW ZEALAND*

HEDESTHIA: Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

Nature: Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND: Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NZ. (Miss Leone Neil.)

Nature: A low-profile, high powered lobby group promoting the rights of transpeople. A confidential, culturally divergent community support group helping meet the social and emotional needs of transpeople.

Services: Personal counselling, employment opportunities, professional and medical referrals, periodical publications, and a non-threatening social environment for functions and entertainment.

Security: Call or write and enquire.

## *SOUTH AFRICA*

THE PHOENIX SOCIETY: Phoenix Society, Box 21163, De Tijger, 7502, Republic of South Africa. Marlene Knoetze, President.

Nature: The Phoenix Society is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome.

Services: Publishes *Fanfare* magazine, actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts.

Security: New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential.

SATRU: SATRU, c/o P O Box 87283 Houghton 2041, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

## *PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH SERVICES*

***(IFGE does not guarantee the quality of the individuals and services listed.)***

PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: Niela Miller, MS Ed, LCSW, P O Box 132, Nagog Woods MA 01718; (508) 264-4565.

Services: Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Also, workshops on personal development.

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: 233 Harvard Street, Suite 302, Brookline MA 02146, 617-277-4360; 126 Western Ave., Suite 122, Augusta ME 04330, 207-623-2327.

Nature: Counseling that specializes in gender issues.

Services: Counseling CDs and TVs, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, F-M counseling, weekend programs for couples, post-op TS counseling, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors, gender blending and androgyny, and codependency counseling. Ari Kane, M. Ed., Gender Specialist.

Security: All sessions are by appointment.

SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES): Services for Men, 66 Wyman Street, West Medford MA 02155, (617) 395-2450.

Nature: Staff of Board Certified and Licensed Social Workers, Psychiatrist, and psychologist to deal with sexual and gender issues, identity problems, relationship problems, depression. Qualified for health insurance payments. Evening and Saturday hours available.

DENNIS PEARNE, Ed.D.: Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr, MA 02178. Mailing: Dennis Pearne, Ed.D., 133 Grove St. Watertown MA 02172. Office: (617) 484-0013.

Nature: Clinical psychologist.

OUTREACH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND REFERRAL NETWORK: OPERN, P O Box 368, Boston MA 02215, Ari Kane, Director. (617) 277-3454.

Nature: Provides referral services and educational resources for health care professionals on issues of gender conflict and gender dysphoria.

Services: Seminars, workshops, and professional supervision are offered from time to time. Publishes the *Journal of Gender Studies*.

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D.: Nancy Strapko, Ph.D., PO Box 157, Plymouth NH 03264. (603) 536-1306.

Nature: Gender Specialist. Psychotherapist serving the New England area.

Services: Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with the University of Minnesota.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Cheshire Counseling Associates, 104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431; (603) 357-5544; Ken DeVoid, Ed.D.

Nature: Transvestite, transsexual, and gender identity counseling.

Services: Individual consultation and counseling in confidential setting, support group. Weekend and evening appointments available.

HUMAN OUTREACH AND ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE (HOAC) aka OUTREACH INSTITUTE: 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345, South Portland ME 04106. 207-755-0858. Ari Kane, Director.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. The Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones, Director; (203) 646-8651.

Service: Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy. Also provides screening for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care.

METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK: Metropolitan Gender Network, 561 Hudson Street, Box 45, New York NY 10014. Message updates: (201) 794-1665 ext. 332.

Nature: Support, advocacy, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, transvestites, transgenderists, androgynes, or whatever. Open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome.

Services: Monthly meetings on the second Sunday. Newsletter *City Lights*, social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Membership $24/year.

Security: Confidential. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries.

METAMORPHOSIS: Metamorphosis, P O Box 6245, Broadway Station, Long Island City NY 11106; (718) 728-4615.

Nature: Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particularly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information, M-F, 11am-5pm.

ANDROGYNY UNLIMITED: Androgeny Unlimited, Box 3445, Poughkeepsie NY 12603; (914) 452-8405. Roger E. Peo, Ph.D., Director.

Nature: A private service providing counselling, research, and education.

Services: Individual counselling is provided by Dr. Peo, a Board-certified sexologist. Counselling is for transgendered persons and their significant others. Referrals are made where appropriate. Classes, seminars, and workshops on transgender issues and human sexuality are provided both for college and graduate-level students and for other groups.

Security: Appointments for counselling can be made by phoning or by writing Dr. Peo at the above address.

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: Persad Center, 5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616; (412) 441-0857; Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins.

Nature: Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others.

Services: Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormonal therapy, and SRS therapy.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.: Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814, (301) 652-6448.

Nature: Counseling for transgendered persons.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.: H. Martin Malin, Ph.D., 2114 N. Charles Street, Suite 3, Baltimore MD 21218; (410) 528-1638.

Nature: Counseling for transgendered persons.

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS: Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046; (703) 532-8723.

Nature: Counseling for transgendered persons.

**CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT**: Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N., Coordinator, 142 W. York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015; (804) 622-9900.

**Nature**: Intake and evaluation center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS.

**Services**: A carefully prepared gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care for transsexually inclined persons.

**Security**: Applicants to this program are subjected to a thorough screening by a highly qualified staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.

**C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.**: COPE, P O Box 607, DeFuniak Springs FL 32433. Clyde E. Trautloff, MA, CAP, CAS, Program Manager.

**Nature**: Private, not-for-profit Mental Health Center.

**Services**: Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

**Services**: Strict confidentiality. All inquiries will be interviewed.

**ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.**: Adele Kates, 1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162; (305) 651-6442. Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director.

**Services**: Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.

**CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING**: Center for Contemporary Counseling, 2999 N.E, 191 Street, Suite 607, Aventura FL 33180. Coral L. Schlosberg, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T. (305) 936-8000.

**Nature**: Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Psychotherapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for transsexuals and transvestites.

**Services**: Individual and group therapy.

**TAMPA STRESS CENTER**: Tampa Stress Center, 4023 N. Armenia Ave., Suite 220, Tampa FL 33607; (813) 872-8631. Carl W. Bushong, Ph.D.

**Nature**: A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others.

**Services**: Counseling of CDs and TVs, their wives/partners on an individual or couple basis where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition.

**Security**: Strict confidentiality. All services by appointment.

**NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**: North Central Mental Health, 1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201; 614-299-6600.

**Nature**: Mental health hotline and service provider.

**Services**: Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues.

**HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER**: Sandra L. Samons, ACSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103; (313) 663-7871.

**Nature**: Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues.

**Services**: Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned.

**INNERCHANGE COUNSELING CENTER, P.C.**: Lee Padula, PhD, 37677 Professional Center Drive, Suite 110C, Livonia MI 48154; (313) 953-3333.

**Nature**: Psychologist, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified sex therapist. Hours by appointment. Phone answered 24 hours.

**MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM**: Milwaukee Transgender Program, Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304; (414) 774-4111; Gretchen M. Fincke, MSSW, Dir.

**Nature**: A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people.

**Services**: A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and re-assignment reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Contact Gretchen Fincke, MSSW, or Roger Northway, MS.

**INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH**: Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 4964 North Cumberland Boulevard, Whitefish Bay WI 53217; (414) 332 5407; Charles A. Kiley, ACSW, QCSW, Diplomate.

**Nature**: Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior including fetishistic transvestism.

**Services**: Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services.

**DISTRICT 202**: District 202, 2524 Nicollet Ave. So., Minneapolis MN 55408.

**Services**: Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM**: Eli Coleman, Ph.D., LCP, Director, Walter O. Bockting, Drs., LP, Coordinator, c/o Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis, MN 55454; (612) 625 1500, Fax (612) 626-8311.

**Nature**: A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School.

**Services**: Following a comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. The therapist facilitates a process in which clients discover the most effective way to manage their sexual identity. Among the options are: integrating crossgender feelings in the gender role assigned at birth, living part or full time in the role of the other sex, and hormonal and/or surgical sex reassignment. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals; psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, as well as complete physical health care.

**TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM**: Program in Human Sexuality, Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota, Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612) 625-1500, Fax (612) 626-8311.

**Nature**: In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners.

**Services**: Workshops provide information, explore sexual attitudes and values, and address safer sex and risk reduction in IV drug use. Opportunities are offered to practice sexual negotiation skills and condom use, all in the context of transgender living. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS.

**RONALD B. BARON, MD**: Ronald B. Baron, MD, 2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035; (708) 432-7007.

**Nature**: Private practice of psychiatry.

**Services**: Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psyciatric consultations.

**ALICE WEBB, MSW, CSW-ACP**: Alice Webb, MSW, CSW-ACP, Atrium Crest Building, 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 560, Houston TX 77058; (713) 333-2278, Fax (713) 333-2293.

**Nature**: Therapist formerly of the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch, and recently in private practice in Galveston, Texas, is now affiliated with Larry Nahmias, MD, and Blanca Diez, MD.

**ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program**: Rosenberg Clinic, 1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550. (409) 763-0016.

**Nature**: Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-70's professional services rendered to the transgender com-munity throughout the Southern U.S. A trademark of the Galveston program has been excellence in both clinical service and research activities. All staff are members of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Assoc., subscribe to *Standards of Care*.

**Services**: Comprehensive program including pre- and post-surgical psychotherapy, hormone therapy, and sex reassignment surgery. Additional referrals available for cosmetic, speech, and legal services. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Additionally, treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention.

**GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC**: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada CO 80004; (303) 420-9885.

**Nature**: Practice limited to work with crossdressers, the gender conflicted, and their significant others.

**Services**: Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Also, a professional Speakers' Forum.

**GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE:** Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84132; 801-581-7951. Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD.

**Services:** Details not available at this time.

**JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:** c/o Robin M. Mathy, M.A., 6330-1 E. Thomas Road Suite 210, Scottsdale AZ 85251.

**Nature:** Counseling clinic led by transsexual sexologist to help patients explore the gender continuum and find the most appropriate niche(s).

**COUNSELING ASSOCIATES:** Ginnie Grant, ACSW, Ph.D., 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283. (602) 897-0444, 234-1656.

**Nature:** Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues.

**Services:** Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, appointments available evenings, days, weekends.

**LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER:** LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 100, Santa Monica CA 90405. Marie Keller, MFCC

**Nature:** LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues.

**Services:** Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to crossdressing, transgenderism, transsexualism, lesbian/gay/bi issues.

**Security:** Interview session with therapist.

**ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.:** Roxanne Cherry, M.A., 937 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite F, Claremont CA 91711; (213) 202-1820, (714) 624-6539.

**Nature:** Licensed marriage family child therapist

**Services:** Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

**THE PRINCE INSTITUTE:** The Prince Institute, P O Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director.

**Nature:** A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services.

**Services:** Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or by correspondence.

**Security:** Total confidentiality.

**GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:** Gender Dysphoria Program, 32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675; (714) 240-7020. Wm. G. Heard, Ph.D., Director.

**Nature:** A comprehensive program for gender dysphoric persons. Our program is one of many options available. It is a composite of evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years by the more successful programs, which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society.

**Services:** Our program is structured to permit the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

**GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES:** GCA, Ms Tauria Linala, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93454; (805) 922-1309...voice, (805) 549-0961...data.

**Nature:** Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program.

**Services:** Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

**GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM:** GSAP, P O Box 4447, San Francisco CA 94101; (415) 558-8058; Joni E. Israel, Director.

**Nature:** A private personal growth consultation program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues.

**Services:** Short & long-term consultation, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provides prof. consultation & training.

**TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER:** Tenderloin Self-Help Ctr., 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA 94102; (415) 554-0518.

**Nature:** We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House.

**Services:** Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' and 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.

**REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D:** Rebecca Auge, 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland CA 94610; (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

**Nature:** Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, and a sliding fee scale.

**HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION INC.:** HBIGDA, 1515 El Camino Real, Palo Alto CA 94306; (415) 326-4645.

**Nature:** Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Establishes the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

**THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** PCHG, Box 908, Berkeley CA 94701; (415) 548-8283. Hot Line: (415) 841-6224. Allyana Guenther, Executive Director.

**Nature:** A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

**Services:** Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speakers' Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

**ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.:** Anne Vitale, D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael CA 94901; (415) 456-4452.

**Nature:** Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues.

**Services:** Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.

**SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER:** SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224; (808) 926-1000.

**Services:** Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

**THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER:** Ingersoll Center, 1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122; (206) 329-6651.

**Nature:** Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service.

**Services:** Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.

**SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE:** Address invalid. Michael Auch, Executive Director.

**Nature:** Seattle Counseling Service is the oldest counseling service for sexual minorities in the U.S. A United Way agency, SCS receives grants from state and local sources to provide counseling and therapy for the full range of problems related to sexual issues.

**Services:** SCS provides a weekly support group for TVs, TSs, significant others, in-betweens, and I-don't-knows every Friday from 8 to 10 pm. Facilities for dressing on-site. Also provides crisis line.

**GENDERSERVE:** Genderserve, Box 291 Station "A", Hamilton, Ontario, CANADA L8N 3C8. Susan C. Huxford, Director.

**Nature:** Counseling, education, and research services. Registered in Ontario as a proprietorship. Operating as a non-profit organization serving TVs, TSs, and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexual people, wives, friends, and relatives. Services for a nominal fee to cover expenses. Inquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls.

**Services:** Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or phone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/television and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request.

**GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:** Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario,

CANADA M5T 1R8. 416-979-2221, ext. 2339.

**Nature:** Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of reassignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period.

**Services:** Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking, family therapy, seminars, and professional presentations.

**GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC:** Gender Dysphoria Clinic, Vancouver General Hospital, 715 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5Z 1M9. Dr. Diane Watson, Director, (604) 875-4100.

**Nature:** Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff affiliated with the clinic include two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator.

**Services:** Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. Not a "gatekeeper." Gender reassignment surgery is not performed in British Columbia.

**Security:** A minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery.

**MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS:** Morena & Orta, Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2, Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390, Mexico, D. F. Mexico. Telephone and FAX 673-53-12.

**Nature:** Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others.

**Services:** Individual and couples counseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops.

**Security:** Total confidentiality.

**TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND):** Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND. Tel 031-555 6416.

**Nature:** Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers.

**Services:** Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please enclose a SAE.

**GENDER TEAM AMSTERDAM:** Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren, internist/endocrinologist, Dept. of Endocrinology/Andrology, Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057, 1007 MB Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Tel (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

**Nature:** Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam.

**Services:** Presently treats about 1100 Gender Dysphoric clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up.

## COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

**CD FORUM:** cd-request@valis.biocad.com or unnet!sgi!biocad!valis!cd-request c/o Valerie Lambert, 53 S. Cragmont Ave., San Jose CA 95127

**Nature:** Electronic mailing list digest.

**Services:** Support of TV, TS and other gender issues. Archive server for past digests. No membership fees.

**Security:** Your address will be confidential. Your material will be stripped of header and signature id unless you instruct otherwise. To subscribe, send short paragraph describing your interest in the list and where you heard of it. You will be asked to submit an introductory article within one month of your subscription.

**TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND:** Waltham, MA; (617) 899-3230. 300/1200/2400 Baud N81 4 nodes.

**Nature:** Education, support, information, and resources. Friendly board serving the needs of those in the gender community. Open to anyone interested in transgenderism and related issues.

**Services:** News and information, private and public chat and message areas. Four phone lines for group discussions in real time, user stories, gender related resources, areas for wives and family members, and an artificial intelligence, computer generated, Co-Sysop.

**THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM:** Ocean County, NJ; (609) 693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

**Nature:** Computer Bulletin Board Service.

**Services:** Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

**ALTERNATIVES:** New York, NY. Disconnected, not in service.

**Services:** Support and entertainment for the TV/TS/TG community. Extensive libraries and special interest groups. Health SIG supervised by a licensed, practicing physician. Growing AIDS library, and a private SIG for PWAs (People with AIDS). Also open to gays and lesbians. BBS located in a PC-Pursuit gateway for major reductions in long distance charges.

**GENDERLINE:**

**Nature:** BBS (Compuserve Information Service).

**Services:** Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission by System Operator HSX forum B (GO HSX 200 at any prompt). Discreet support community for both TVs and TSs. Consists of closed forum, conference area, and extensive data library of factual information and archived discussions of topics of concern.

**NEW WOMEN'S SUB-BOARD:** (301) 317-1868. 24 hours.

**PASSING FANCY:** Alexandria, VA (703) 765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

**Nature:** Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers only. Answer the "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY" to gain access to the public section.

**IXE BBS:** Indianapolis, IN (317) 784-6975.

**Services:** Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

**GDANC:** SYSOP Denee Efird, P O Box 721, Albemarle NC 28002. (704) 639-1914, 1N4. Running 24 hours, TV/TS files, message section, and more.

**TRI-ESS BBS OF ATLANTA:** Atlanta, GA. 2 lines: (404) 922-2414, (404) 785-9216; 300/1200/2400/4800/9600 8 bit, NO parity, 1stop bit.

**Nature:** Available to all involved or interested in TG community, including SOs. Conferences on CD, TS (AEGIS), adult fantasy, shopping, etc.

**Services:** Sign on with pseudonym and answer "TRIESS" at the password prompt for immediate access. Available to all free of charge.

**TV/TS GENDER FORUM:** Grand Rapids, MI: Not in service at this time.

**Nature:** Computer Bulletin Board Service. The Gender Forum is a closed forum accessible exclusively by members of the gender community, and professionals that work with us.

**Services:** The Gender Forum also has a **'Companion Support Forum'** exclusively for significant others, spouses, and partners.

**CAROLYN'S CLOSET:** Minneapolis, MN; (612) 891-1225; 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

**Nature:** Computer Bulletin Board: Totally free. A very nice, user-friendly board with some very nice user-written fiction and stories.

**US TOO:** Chicago, IL: Not in service at this time.

**Nature:** Non-profit transsexual support Bulletin Board Service affiliated with the Sunday Society.

**Services:** Very user friendly BBS with four sub-boards (M-F TS, F-M TS, TV, general).

**Security:** Call first.

**THE DIVA CONNECTION:** Chicago, IL: Computer bulletin board devoted exclusively to members of the gender community. Leave and receive messages, down load picture files and fiction, and upload your tasteful picture. Free, open board. (708) 416-8894.

**PUSS N BOOTS:** Aaron Davis, 1551 NW 19th #905, Grand Prairie TX 75050. Home phone: (214) 641-4842, board phone (214) 641-1822.

**Nature:** BBS. Board up 4am-3am, message service, medical information, legal information, personal experiences. Baud 2400-9600.

**Security:** Call first to fill out questionnaire. Mention you heard about board through IFGE or *Tapestry*. Will have access to gender line on second call. Fee on extra online time only. 25 minutes free.

**THE OTHER SIDE:** Boulton & Park Society, San Antonio, TX. (512) 545-4888; M-F approx. 5pm - 6am CT, most times on weekends; suggest N/8/1; 300/1200/2400 baud.

**Nature:** Electronic mail and information exchange with Boulton & Park Society. Some text files available for public download.

**Log-On:** For access to The Other Side, leave private E-Mail to SysOp with request. Security level mormally upgraded within 24 hours. User names are kept confidential.

**CROSS LINK:** Denver, CO: Not in service at this time.

**Nature:** Computer Bulletin Board Service

**Services:** When you log on you will see, "You have reached M&D's Travelling Circuits BBS Where YOU Are the Main Attraction!" Name? Last Name? Follow instructions, answer questions. Enter the name "CROSS-LINK".

**FEMINET:** (408) 335-4387 300/1200/2400 baud, 8 bit, no parity, one stop bit. Software: QuickGGS 2.03 (highly modified).

**Nature:** Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community. Specialty: general resource for all TVs, TSs, and all other persons interested in transgendered lifestyles. Largest BBS devoted to gender issues.

**Services:** Access: Answer all new-login questions and you will be logged onto Digicomputronica, a public "front" for Feminet. Enter "P" (for password). Password is "KEY" (without quotes). 24 hours. Financed by contributions.

**CROSS-CONNECTION:** Los Angeles, CA; Not in service at this time.

**Nature:** Computer Bulletin Board Service geared towards the Gender Community.

**Services:** News and information, courtesy of Cross-Talk, National Gender Forums and on-line chat, stories, poetry, friends, and fun! Group Newsletter and Publication exchange. Other professional data services to the community. Shopping Mall on-line early '92! Log on with user-ID "VALLEY GIRL" and use password "VISITOR" then follow instructions.

**TerraNet BBS:** Not in service at this time. NO parity, 1 stop bit, Full Duplex. Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Nature:** Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community and PWA's (Persons with AIDS). Southern California gateway to the TRANSGENDERNET, TRANSITION, NEW_WOMEN, NEW_MEN, DRESS*UP, and GENDER POLITICS echoes of TGnet and AIDS/ARC echo, part of FIDOnet. Provides one of the largest full-text databases on gender and AIDS-related issues. TerraNet is an outreach service of J2CP Information Services, P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano CA 92693-0184.

**RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION:** RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408) 248-4162, 1200-2400 baud 8N1.

**Nature:** Non-profit Computer Bulletin Board Service.

**Services:** Gender community support. Two levels of service: public and private. SYSOP Michelle Stevens. First time users should have a private code word ready that you can remember. Public section is used by spouses and significant others.

**MYTH'S REALITY:** Anchorage AK (907) 333-3425 or (907) 338-2869. 300/1200/2400/9600, 8-N-1.

**Nature:** Electronic bulletin board and information service for the gay, lesbian, and transgender community.

**Services:** Teleconferencing, forums, "Sig info," games, and much more. Easy to follow menus.

**Security:** Sysop access approval in writing. Coded pass-word access upon approval.

## COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & SERVICES

***JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES:*** Outreach Institute, 405 Western Avenue, Suite 345; South Portland ME 04106. The official publication of the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, it is published twice a year, and subscriptions are $16.00 per year.

**TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS:** Tapestry, Box 367, Wayland MA 01778; (617) 899-2212; FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Director.

**Nature:** Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E.

**Services:** The *TV/TS Tapestry* is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

***ROSEBUDS:*** TCNE, Inc., P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483, (508) 358-2305 (Tuesdays, 7-10pm, EST).

**Nature:** *Rosebuds* is the monthly newsletter published by the Tiffany Club of New England, Inc. It includes personal growth articles, and other non-sexual non-fiction about gender issues. Advertising is accepted. Subscription $25 per year, $4 sample issue.

**Security:** Mailing list is confidential..

**ROXY'S ELECTROLYSIS:** Roxy's, 234 Warren Avenue #2, East Providence RI 02914.

**Nature:** Permanent hair removal for males and females.

***TRANSFORMATIONS, Reflections On Gender Roles And Religious/Spiritual Values:*** Address not valid at this time.

**Nature:** A non-profit quarterly newsletter which addresses the relationship between issues relating to gender struggles and religious/spiritual values.

**FEM FASHIONS:** 9 W 31st St, #7R; New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823 (after 3pm). Muriel Olive, Director.

**Nature:** Clothing, makeup, lingerie, makeovers. Call for appointment.

**CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES:** Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406; 215-640-9449.

**Nature:** A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community.

**Services:** Publish *Art and Illusion: a Guide to Crossdressing* and *LadyLike Magazine*, sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September.

**Security:** Mailing list strictly confidential.

***LA FEMINIQUE:*** 1218 W. Broad Street, Suite 570, Falls Church VA 22046; (202) 686-2992; Judy Guerin, Editor.

**Nature:** A bi-monthly newsletter dedicated to all aspects of the crossdressing and TV world. Includes editorials, feature articles, makeup and dressing advice, interviews, profiles. $5 for sample issue, $35 annual.

**Security:** Mailing list strictly confidential.

***THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE:*** Box 16314, Atlanta GA 30321.

**Nature:** A newsletter written by and about transsexuals. $3.00 per copy; $18.00 per year. (Make check payable to Phoebe Smith.)

***CORSET DIGEST:*** CD, Dept. 174, 4514 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Atlanta GA 30338.

**Nature:** Monthly newsletter for wearers, collectors, and connoisseurs of elegant foundation garments. Subscription is $20 for 10 issues, one year, in US, $30 overseas.

**BLOSSOM C. PASTER:** 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. (813) 973-0987.

**Nature:** A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, wig, and makeup questions.

**Services:** Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrolysis, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community. There is a fee.

**Security:** Call or write.

***TV/TS CONNECTION:*** The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207.

**Nature:** Monthly publication of personal listings. Available by subscription only, $20 per year.

***CHANGING MEN:*** Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

**Nature:** An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

**SCD PUBLISHING:** 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843.

**Nature:** TV/TS publishing house.

**Services:** Publishes *TV/TS Talk* bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. *TV/TS Talk* is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues. $3.50 per issue; $21.00 per year.

***HELP ME . . ACCEPT ME:*** Dallas Gay Alliance Center, 2701 Reagan Street, Dallas TX 75219.

**Nature:** Publication about gender issues, sponsoredbyMetroplexCDCorp.

***PETTICOAT JUNCTION MAGAZINE:*** P.J. Publications, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413, Marlina Dawn Murphy, Editor/Publisher.

**Nature:** Monthly non-sexual magazine. Also publishes the official *Texas T Party Photo Annual.*

**Services:** News, events, photographs, issues, and articles of concern to the gender community, their significant others and their supporters. Subscription $20 per year, Mexico and Canada $29 per year, overseas (US funds only) $44. Sample issue $2.

**Security:** Mailing list strictly confidential.

***DRAGAZINE:*** *Dragazine*, P O Box 691664, West Hollywood CA 90069.

**Nature:** Published two or three times a year. Two-issue subscription is $4.95, back issues are $2.95 each. Dragazine Club Membership $15.00 to help defray printing costs. *Dragazine* is designed to appeal to those that enjoy the art of crossdressing, either as the audience or the Drag Queen that's teaching your children first grade.

***CROSS-TALK:*** P O Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365, (818) 776-8503. Kymberleigh Richards, Managing Editor & Publisher.

**Nature:** Monthly 40 page magazine (non-sexually oriented). Also publishes annual Southern California resource guide. Operates News Services section of Cross Connection computer bulletin board system. 24-hour-a-day local information hotline (818) 776-8504.

**Services:** News items of concern to the gender community, highlights of tabloid press, editorials/reader letters, make-up and fashion tips, Roger Peo's "Notebook," significant others' column, original comic strips and humor column, national event and hotline listings, *Transvestia* reprints, Sandy Thomas fiction excerpts, JoAnn Roberts' *Hotstuff*, reviews, reader profiles, and feature articles. $36.00/year, $60.00/2 years, $72.00/3 years (US - write for foreign rates). Sample issue $5.00. On-line version available through Cross Connection BBS.

**Security:** Mailing list kept confidential. Magazine mailed in plain brown envelope without identifying markings.

*THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY*: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P O Box 7217, Burbank CA 91510-7217.

**Services:** News, events, photographs, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles. $7.00

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306; (415) 494-2952.

**Nature:** Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community.

**Services:** Private sessions. $75.00 first session, $35.00 for follow up sessions. All sessions confidential.

*FOCUS*: Address invalid presently.

**Nature:** A newsletter written by and for the female to male TS. Provides a place for fellow FTMs to share their feelings and experiences, and make new friends.

*GenderFlex*: *GenderFlex*, c/o Billie Jean Jones, 3430 Balmoral Drive #10, Sacramento CA 95821.

**Nature:** Newsletter about all kinds of gender issues. Distributed free in person. Back issues available for $2.00 each first class in USA. Does not accept advertising. Does accept interactive submissions of letters, articles, opinions, jokes, poems, etc.

*TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON*: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O., 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5.

**Nature:** A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

*TORONTO CDC NEWS*: *Toronto CDC News*, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2A4.

**Nature:** Newsletter about the gender community.

*THE CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER*: *Canadian Crossdresser*, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ONTARIO M5A 2A4.

**Nature:** Monthly non-sexual magazine for and about crossdressers, transsexuals, and female impersonators. Includes articles, news, short fiction, poetry, and personal ads. Request subscription information, or send $6 for current sample issue.

*BOY'S OWN*: FTM Newsletter, 376 Upper Brook street, Victoria Park, Manchester M13 0EP ENGLAND.

**Nature:** Periodical publication. Write for more information.

*TRANSCARE*: The Minorities Trust, P O Box 2983, Wellington New Zealand.

*NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND*: *Notes from the Underground*, P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.

**Nature:** Periodical about a variety of crossdressing issues.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: Ant Trading Company, 4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.

**Nature:** Publisher of *Queen* Magazine, Japan's premier crossdresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

## LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES: SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St, Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036; (212) 819-9770, FAX (212) 819-9776.

**Nature:** SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: See: TerraNetBBS in *COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS*.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBGALHS, Box 42126, San Francisco CA 94142.

**Nature:** Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons.

**Services:** Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

MUSEUM OF INTERNATIONAL GENDER IDENTITY: c/o IGTA, 1 Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO4P OAJ, United Kingdom.

**Nature:** Collection of artifacts related to the transgendered throughout history and the world. Seeking freewill donations of statuary, books, magazines, paintings, photos, badges, buttons, banners, etc. We seek modern and industrial items from the subculture: girl masks, prostheses of all sorts, false eyelashes, cache sexes, etc. Also seeking Oriental, Latin American, Pacific Island and Northwest African anthropological and archaelogical items, statues of dieties and from male-actress theater.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: Dr. Richard Ekins, Trans-Gender Archive, University of Ulster, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland. (0)265 44141, Fax: 40903, Telex: 747597.

**Nature:** A non-profit academic research and study facility.

**Services:** Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes *Archive News* a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.

**Security:** Closed deposits accepted as noted by the depositor. Access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins, granted subject to his decision. Access to deposits is only granted on permission by the original depositor and Dr. Ekins after a full security consultation.

## RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230.

**Nature:** Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background.

**Security:** Parental approval required. The security of each teenager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

IFGE HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT: N. Cole, P O Box 241, Leavenworth KS 66048.

**Nature:** Historical research project sponsored by the IFGE Educational Resources committee. Researching the history of TV/TS organizations from 1950 to the present. The purposes are to capture the story of individuals and organizations, to create a permanent record, and provide a comprehensive education resource.

TRANSGENDER RESEARCH PROJECT: Transgender Research Project, Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270-0042.

**Nature:** General knowledge of all transgender behavior manifestations. Survey developed specifically for any individual with any form of gender rôle or identity transposition. Survey includes general beliefs about transgender behavior, development, sexuality, and general demography. Formal paper to be published and also filed with the APA. Researchers include a psychiatrist with understanding of transgender behavior, professional analysts, researchers, and educators. Expect survey phase of the project to continue into the early winter of 1992; response goal is 1000+ responses. All responses are kept confidential (responses are anonymous) and become the property of Boulton & Park Society upon receipt. Write to Boulton & Park Society if you wish to participate in the survey.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT: Box 126, Northridge CA 91328 Dr. Richard F. Docter, Ph.D., Director, Department of Psychology, California State University Northridge, Northridge CA 91330; (818) 885-2828.

**Nature:** Individual and marital counselling for TVs, TSs, and their significant others; research on gender issues.

**Services:** Counselling and research on gender issues. (Dr. Richard Doctor's new book, *Transvestites and Transsexuals: Toward a Theory of Cross-Gender Behavior* is now available from I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778.

**If you have an Organization or Service you would like to have included in this section, contact Ms. Vivian Allen at;**
**I F G E**
**P. O. Box 367**
**Wayland, MA 01778**

# PERSONAL LISTINGS

## *PERSONAL LISTINGS OBJECTIVES:*

1) To provide a means of introduction, outreach, and communication for subscribers to the TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal and Supporters of I.F.G.E.
2) To provide readers with a source of support and communications.
3) To provide the general public with a better understanding of the nature of the people who are members and supporters of the Crossdressing/Transsexual Community.

## *WHO MAY PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:*

To place a personal listing you must be an up-to-date General Subscriber (or an IFGE Supporting Member). As a subscriber, your personal listing is free of charge for the duration of your subscription. Also, your mail will be forwarded at no cost to you.

## *HOW TO PLACE A PERSONAL LISTING:*

Fill out the form on the back of the subscription form. Please note that there is a limit of fifty words for the text. Your ad may be edited for length and for taste. Please be discreet. Also, note that we will only publish addresses that are Post Office box numbers as part of the ad. No home addresses will be published in the Personal Listings. The last number after your name is the last issue of TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal you will receive on your subscription.

## *HOW TO RESPOND TO A PERSONAL:*

1) If the address is given in the personal listing, write directly to that address.
2) If there is no address given, follow these instructions exactly:
   (A) Place your letter in an unstamped envelope.
   (B) Pencil in the name, state prefix, and membership number appearing after the name. (Be sure to use pencil so the name can be erased.)
   (C) Include $1.00 (for postage and handling) for each piece to be forwarded.
   (D) Place the letters to be forwarded in another envelope & mail to: TV/TS *Tapestry* Journal, *P.O. BOX 367, WAYLAND, MA 01778*

### *PUERTO RICO*

**ROBERTA J. CAMPBELL (PR2838-K4745-64)**
6'2", 225, brown hair, brown eyes, single, 44. Bookworm and avid movie collector. "I'm a pre-op TS. Looking to write, talk and mingle with others who share the same problem. Also interested in forming a support group in Puerto Rico."

### *MASSACHUSETTS (010- 027-)*

**AUDREY M. (E MA280-K1855-65)**, Neil Moses, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134
Member TCNE. MWM bi-TV, 55, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

**SUSAN A. (MA64-K0206-67)**
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature and clothing, especially lingerie. "Would like to correspind with others with similar interests."

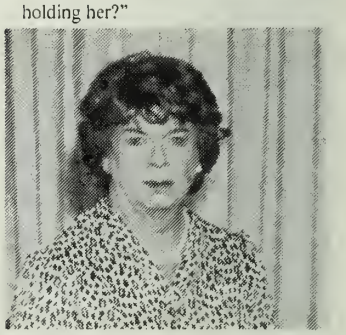
**JANICE H. (E MA254-K0109-64)**
Member TCNE, Tri-Ess, TV Entertainers, NY. Participant Fantasia Fair. Divorced WM, 64, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. "Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."

**VALERIE VINCENT (E MA273-K0122-66)**, Occupant #VP, Box 8341, JFK Sta., Boston MA 02114
Member TCNE. Centerfold in the *Transvestian*. 5' 10", 150, long hair, blue eyes, wear nails 1• inches long. Pre-op TS on hormones and electrolysis. Interested in writing to TVs, TSs and women; fashion, makeup, photo sessions. Love being a woman. "Wish to correspond with TV/TSs, and women who find TSs interesting. Will write to all."

**HOLLY CROSS (MA279-K188-99)**
IFGE Board of Directors, IFGE Staff. Member TCNE. Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, IFGE Convention, Shangri-La, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing. SWM TV, mid-60's. Lives alone except for a lot of VHF ham gear and about 200 size 20 outfits. Fairly active, goes to many concerts dressed, has been to over 15 outings. Looks like a proper Boston lady, and is having a hell of a good time. "Try to answer all I, but no guarantee."

**SUZANNE C. (E MA295-K166-64)**
Member TCNE. DWM, over 50, strong TS tendencies. Interests include computers, cooking, being Suzie as much as possible. Would love to be a housewife. "I prefer my feminine self and live at home as a woman, although I still work as a man. Feel completely comfortable and natural as Suzie, always think and act as a woman. Would be delighted to hear from you."

**RHONDA SMITH (E MA317-K144-64)**
Supporting member of IFGE. Attended Tri-Ess conventions, TCNE P-Town Outing. TG, 5'6", 130 pounds, blue-eyes, blonde, nondrinker, nonsmoker. Interested in travel, photography, classical music, and clothing design. "If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, who's holding her?"



**JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON (E MA733-K0229-67)**
Member TCNE. Widowed WM CD, 70, 5'9", 180, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing Hobie Cats, gardening, good music, living as Judy. "Would like contacts with crossdressers in SE MA area for companionship & like interests."

**EVE B. (E MA508-K0107-67)**
Member Tri-Ess. Now retired, somewhat handicapped by spinal arthritis. Enjoy dressing at home for relaxation & pleasure. "Friend of Ariadne Kane, and Virginia Prince visited in my home some years ago. Often invite members to be my guest in a pleasant, suburban home."

**HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON (E MA661-K-65)**
Member TCNE. MWM, 42, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood, TS inclinations. Interested in music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running. "I enjoy long walks on thebezeh accompanied by intimate conversation and fun."

**SUSAN ELIZABETH R. (MA839-K0055-64)**
SWM TV, 53, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interested in photography, treasure hunting, '40's and '50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady. "I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

**RACHEL L. (MA842-K0136-66),** Boxholder, P O Box 645, Charlestown MA 02129
Attended Fantasia Fair, Be All. "Mature male (late 50's) with TG lifestyle desires to meet persons with TG interests for long-term friendships and possibly shared living arrangement in Boston and/or Provincetown areas. Varied interests and serious discussion desired. Let's explore the mature years together."

**SHERYL RHODES (MA874-K0015-64)**
Tall, together T. Bright, frivolous, for real. Candlelight dinners, a walk on the beach, a movie. Yes, I do dance. Love to read. Eclectic interests. Value good friends. Time is the ultimate treasure.

**SUE FANON (W MA983-K20-67),** Boxholder, P O Box 2432, Pittsfield MA 01201
SBiWM TV, 37, 5'10", 170, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice TV who enjoys being feminine. Would like to correspond with other TVs, TSs and understanding women to improve my attire, femininity, etc. Honest relationships considered."

**MICHELLE LANGE (E MA1008-K0071-64),** Boxholder, Box 1065, Burlington, MA 01803
MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view, housekeeping, etc. Would enjoy correspondence with others out there who enjoy the same either from the maid's or superior's viewpoint. I collect and write stories on my experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, and interesting. Please, no S&M or B&D."

**LILA WALTON (MA1381-K0037-65),** L. Walton, P O Box 36, Harvard MA 01451
For personal description, see Personal Listing in *Tapestry* issue #60. "Interested in connecting gender people to employers and vice versa. I am establishing a Gender Job Net. Seeking tips on contacting employers. I'm reaching highly talented people."

**EDITH S. (MA1519-K0054-66)**
MWM, TS, 48, three children, investment counselor. Interests include squash, tennis, acting, travel, outdoor work, classical music. "I would like to talk with, meet TSs/TVs of similar background and situation to discuss how to cope with spouse, children, job, and M-F transition."

**ARLENE SUSAN L. (E MA1648-K0121-65),** Arlene S. Lauren, 310 Franklin St. DLD 226, Boston MA 02110
MWM hetero TV, 49, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman. Especially love nylons, heels, and lingerie. Cautiously venturing into beautiful world of femininity, after years in closet. I love my femininity and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

**DIANE D. (E MA1776-K1939-67)**
5'9", 175, married with children. Interested in MacIntosh computers, aviation, desk-top publishing, fashion. "Would love to hear from other married TVs who have not come out to their wives. Now that we have realized the truth about ourselves, how do we disclose it without making the innocent past a lie?"

**MARGARITA AMANDA R. (E MA1815-K1964-67)**
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, '93, Be-All '88, '89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92, '93, Esprit '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of .WRITE-I'll eventually answer.

**CHRYSTAL RAYMOND (SE MA1923-K2160-64)**
Member Tiffany Club. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Married, 6', 170, 44, CD, with fashionable tates. Interested in CD videos, crossdressing, sports, developing a support group for CDs in SE MA. "So far I've received inspiration from numerous responses. Will meet soon. Join us! Write now!"

**JAMI DOUGLAS (OH-2140-K2535-65)**
Single crossdresser, 5'10", 150, 27. Interested in fitness, shopping, movies. "Would love to hear from other E MA crossdressers. Feel I need to get out of my apartment as Jami, but lack confidence. If you have any advice, drop me a line."

**CANDY SCOTT (MA2050-K2447-65),** P O Box 354, Sagamore MA 02561-0354
Member of Innvestments. Tall redhead/blonde. Interested in photography, reading current events, geo-politics. Helping Innvestments, Cape-area club for Ts of all kinds, to get off the ground. Need more members, supporters from Cape Cod, SE MA, and the Islands.

**DIANA S. DWYER (W MA2146-K2539-65),** P O Box 4104, Pittsfield MA 01202
Single transgendered person, 26, 5'11", 180, nonsmoker, light drinker. Would like to hear from other transgendered individuals who are sincere, honest, and compassionate. Will reply to most mail as long as it's done with taste and discretion. Makeup advice given free of charge.

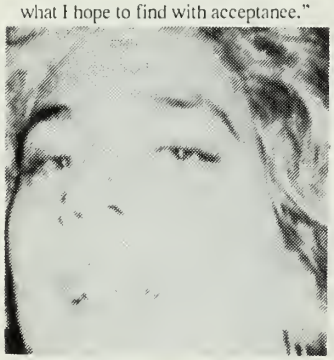
**NANCY REYNOLDS (E MA2160-K2583-65)**
IFGE Educational Resources Committee Secretary (always wanted to be one . . . ) "Walking the scary road towards womanhood: brave on the outside, chicken at heart. Active in IFGE; will never be able to repay our community enough. Workaholic engineer, quiet, but excitable. Lonely single, but blessed with supportive family, friends, and workplace. Love music, singing, playing the guitar. Looking for good songs for our community."

**DEBBIE SAWYER (MA2170-K2590-65)**
"A caring and nurturing CD, I love high fashion, but am learning everyday feminine appearance, too. Seeking the spiritual and emotional side of the

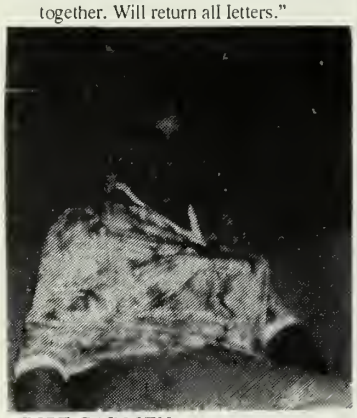
transgendered experience. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Active in supporting and building our community, and in advocating a political agenda that builds human and civil rights for the gender community."

**BOBBIE DAVIES**
**(W MA238-K2681-65)**, P O Box 1518, Pittsfield MA 01201
MWM, 42, hetero. Interested in tennis, martial arts, anything feminine. "Hi! My name is Bobbie. Been a TV as long as I can remember. Love lingerie, negligees, and being a woman. I wear bra and panties every day, and soft silky negligees to bed at night. My wife knows, does not understand, but accepts me as I am. Need to be a woman. Need a pen pal for girl talk. Write soon."

**JOY SPENCER**
**(MA2530-K3700-67)**
Married with supportive wife. Just 40. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember, have only recently begun to move through the fear and guilt. Like to correspond with individuals or couples traveling the road to acceptance. Have adopted the name Joy because that is what I hope to find with acceptance."



**JENNIFER M.**
**(SE MA2585-K3754-65)**
35, 5'10", WM, bi-TV, TS tendencies, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in meeting others. "Have been crossdressing since childhood. Enjoy being feminine. Would like to hear from TV/TSs. Send photo and phone number so we can get together. Will return all letters."



**RISE CARMEN**
**(NE MA2615-K90-65)**, Boxholder, P O Box 13, Essex MA 01929
MWM, Bi, middle-aged closet TV. Adores femme dressing and lingerie. "Wife objects to my crossdressing, so I seek the friendship of a sympathetic and supportive woman, and other TVs for correspondence and meetings. Prefer NE MA, SO NH, SO ME. No racial or color barriers."

**MARIE ALLEN**
**(E MA2729-K4412-67)**
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

**DIANE C. (E MA2754-K2746-64)**
46, married heterosexual crossdresser. "My major interests are fashion (I have an extensive collection of fashion magazines & videos) and the arts, especially literature and ballet. My role models are ladies who lunch. I would love to form a small group in the Boston area to meet privately once a month for Sun. afternoon tea and conversation. I am an avid letter writer and welcome correspondence."

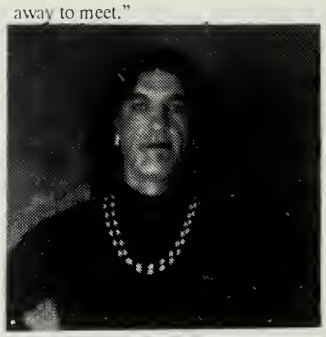
**KAY LEE (MA2787-K4481-67)**
MWM, 6', 190, mid 40's, wife knows, understands, but not in her presence. "Two years in therapy and now a group has enabled me to accept myself for what I am. But, I have yet to have a full dressing experience. Need encouragement. Need direction. Need friends."

**JOAN R. (E MA2841-K4747-65)**
Member TCNE. "I am a very fortunate TG to have such a wonderful spouse, friends, and support."

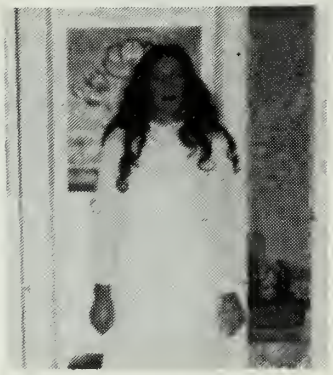
**ROBIN W. (SE MA2845-K3132-66)**, P O Box 3106, Edgartown MA 02539
Member of Eulenspiegel Society. Large, mystical, fun-loving, with intact sense of humor, lusty, submissive. Interested in native culture, spiritual quests, art, dressmaking. "Would like to form a community to live harmoniously with Mother Earth with a focus on increased spiritual interaction and meditation for improving diversity of human vision."

**TRACI S. (MA2942-K5013-65)**, Box 143, Medway MA 02053
Member XX Club/CIGNE Program, AEGIS. Pre-op (M-F) TS, 31, 5'2", 108, brunette, hazel eyes. "I'm well on my way toward gender congruency (SRS by 1994), thanks to everyone's support! Frantic schedule restricts correspondence to other gender dysphorics (TSs) who wish to provide and/or receive information/advice relevant to our plight."

**SHARON LOVELY**
**(MA3122-K5659-66)**, P O Box 235, Worcester MA 01613
Member Tiffany Club of New England. 5'6", medium build, blue eyes, black hair, 29, WM, bi TV. Interested in dressing, fishing, and shopping. "Would like to have a sisterly relationship with a TV my age. Will correspond with TVs too far away to meet."



**ROBERTA STEEL (MA-P-M3247-K6429-67)**, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035
Member CT Outreach Society, TCNE. 6'5", 20, 49, firmly married TV. Interested in steam engines, model railroading, dress making, a Western Mass TV/TS support group. "On way out of closet and enjoy expressing my femininity rather than suppressing it. Like to hear from TV/TSs, especially those who would like to get together as a group in West MA.



**DENISE S. (MA3143-K-66)**, Boxholder, P O Box 1731, Wakefield MA 01880
DWM, CD, 40, 5'8", 140. Interested in nature, gardening, tennis, acceptance of life path. "Need courage and support to get out of closet. Wish to meet accepting women, TV/TSs in area for friendship, development of inner and outer woman. Want to learn to deal with these desires, and to integrate the two different people I am. Looking for compatible TV/TS to share living space on North Shore."

**MICHELLE C.**
**(MA3139-K5889-66)**, Occupant, P O Box 801, Marlboro MA 01752
DWM, 5'9", 165, brown eyes, long black hair. Interested in shopping, makeup, projecting better image. "Drifted away for a few years, would now like to pick up where I left off. Like to become an active member of our society again, meet and correspond with others with feminine interests. Please write."

**JULIE P. (MA3491-K7205-67)**
Member of Sunshine Group. MWM, 31, 5'7", TV. Interested in photography, music, shopping. "Love being feminine. Wish to get out with others for dining and fun. Also enjoy correspondence and photo exchange with other TV/TSs. Please write. Will answer all."

**JULIE O. (MA3632-K7085-68)**
40, 6'2", 150, BiDWM, natural feminine features. Interested in photography, music, girl things, to overcome anxieties, total femininity/serenity. "Having a loving BiGG friend has freed my real feminine self. The transition is next. I love life and wish to share support of just becoming another woman in the world."

**DAWN P. (MA3825-K6222-65)**
SWM, TV, 40, 5'9". Interested in just about everything, but mainly movies, outdoor activities, computers, cooking, shopping, dressing, anything feminine. "Hetero CD since early age. Shy, lonely and scared, but taking first steps out of my closet. I'm seeking GG, passable CD or TS friends for mutual support, correspondence, visiting, shopping, etc. Would love girl friends to share, help with makeup, wigs, . . . Goal is to be passable."

**CAROLYN COLLINS**
**(MA3968-K-8586-65)**
Attended Coming Together, '90/Boston. Young, attractive, pre-op TS. Interested in fitness, walking, poetry, Scrabble, quiet times. "Am trying to take the time to do

things right, but it has me feeling in an in-between state. Like so many in our community, I'm feeling somewhat isolated. I'd love to meet sisters for friendship and socializing."

**ROBIN R. (MA-3971-K7687-66)**
Member of Tiffany Club of New England. 45, 6', 180, brown hair and eyes. Interested in boating, traveling, shopping, music. Love dressing completely. Love nylons, heels, lingerie. SWM, bi-closet TV. Enjoys dressing and meeting other TVs and CDs in Metro-West area. "Will answer all."

**SUZANNE HAMILTON (MA4006-K8683-66)**
45, WBiM, 160, 5'8", TV, 160. "My love is to spend every free moment modeling and shopping for evening gowns and wedding gowns. I'm looking for a friend to share these moments of happiness. Each day I come to enjoy the new person I am, and would love to help you find that person in you. My fantasy is to be the model for a full photo layout of the blushing bride."

**CAROLYN K. WEST (MA4028-K5999-67)**, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, narcissist, transcendentalist; and cheerful feminine essence in a comfortable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photos, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

**ROBERTA STANLEY (MA4064-K8798-66)**
TCNE, 5'8", 160, size 14, brown eyed brunette, 50, married, teenaged boys. Interested in skiing, sailing, reading, correspondence and indulging my femininity by dressing up, dining out, shopping, etc. "Lifelong CD, cautiously emerging, eagerly learning, loving every minute. Simply wanting to appear as an attractive lady enjoying her femininity. Let's share experiences and grow together."

## *RHODE ISLAND*
### *(027- 029-)*

**CAROL L. SUNDERLAND (RI1413-K0250-64)**
Blonde, 5'9", 157. Interests, backgammon, reading. "Last nine years I have lived and worked as a woman. My goal is to inform others about the methods I have used to achieve silent passage."

**ANDREA K. (RI1771-K1934-67)**
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

**GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER (RI2207-K2655-66)**, P O Box 4646, Middletown RI 02840
Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Also starting a support group in RI."

**STEPHANIE S. (RI2693-K4329-64)**
5'11", 35, 18. "Had a tough year. Back in closet suffering from existential Angst! Need friends to help with anxiety and self-acceptance. Deep-seated need to express femme side. Need the support of friends and a push or two or three. Would love to hear from others like Nancy Cole who have blended dressing into their lives. Trying hard to answer all correspondence. Love to you all."

## *NEW HAMPSHIRE*
### *(030- 038-)*

**KERRI R. (NH1095-K0294-64)**
Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends and making new contacts."

**ANNE MARIE B. (NH844-K302-64)**
Member Tri-Ess. Age 81, M, retired physician. Interested in music (flute), wildlife, woodworking, computers. "Crossdresser for more than sixty-five years, out in public many times, years ago. Now an old lady and contented home-body. My dear wife accepts, but takes no joy in my seeking of a feminine image."

**JOANNA C. ROBERTS (NH4062-K8794-67)**
Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 34, in good shape and can pass reasonably well. Interested in horseback riding, cooking, and computers. "Have been dressing since age five, but only recently found *Tapestry* and that there are others like me! Would like to meet others to talk about exploring feminine side."

**JODI B. (NH1457-K272-66)**
WM TV, 30's, 6', 200. Interested in athletics, linguistics, beekeeping, running, ephemera, gadgetry, and history. "Adventurous, curious, open-minded individual new to area seeks contacts with people in our community who have humor, compassion, and discretion."

**DIANE O. (NH1476-K279-65)**
WM TV, 5'6", blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in everything from a to z. "Looking for a TV, TS, or GG who would like to help me finally get out and do things. Am in need of a friend. Please send photo and phone. Will answer all."

**RACHEL E. (NH3760-K8206-64)**
P O Box 2376, Salem NH 03079
MWM, 5'4", 10 petite, late 40's, feel 30. Love Porsches, skiing, diving, beach days, step aerobics, and fashionable clothes. "Just recently discovered IFGE, Tri-Ess and am at the nervous but excited stage over the possible outside ventures. Really need other CDs to talk to RIGHT NOW. Letters, photos absolutely responded to in kind.

## *MAINE (038- 047-)*

**LYNDA ANNE V.**
**(ME3007-K5262-65)**
Member TransSupport. MWM, TS, 5'9", 50's, fair, blue eyes. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, Romantic novels, boating, shooting, and swimming. "Crossdressed since early age, often out in last twelve years. Passable, but family situation and small town location prevent my going out locally. Seeking TV/TS girlfriends, mid-coast area or lower ME with whom to dress or correspond."

**MARGARET E. C.**
**(ME-P-M3764-K8224-64)**
MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical reenacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "I have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Would like to hear from others in northeast and NB.

## *VERMONT (050- 059-)*

**HELENE H.**
**(VT2021-K2488-65)**
Participant Tiffany P-town Outing, Tiffany Winter Outing, Poconos Weekend Miss Congeniality '91, Texas T-party. 5'10" "Enjoying my female self no end, and getting better all the time. Out of the closet regularly. Kids and young girls read me but who cares? Like to hear from others. I answer all mail promptly."

## *CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)*

**CARLA GOLDSNIDER**
**(CT212-K0374-64)**
SWM, hetero TV, 5'10". "Love to crossdress. Like to meet couples and females for girl talk and friendships. Live alone in a small house in the country."

**ANDREA G. (CT425-K0357-67)**
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the CD community, and welcome correspondence."

**DARLENE S. ROSS**
**(CT838-K0390-66)**
MWM, hetero CD, 5'8", 170, mature, retired. "Lifelong CD, nonsupportive wife, passive and shy, not passable (yet). Enjoy all things feminine from hair to heels. Interested in reading, travel, sports. Would likt to correspond with others with similar interests."

**DAWN H. (CT858-K377-64)**
Attended Fantasia Fair '84-'91, Coming Together '90. 5'10", 150, 46 years young. Sincere and caring. Interested in sewing own and others' clothing, '50's & '60's music and cars, water skiing, reading, and cooking. "It's been a long time to decide, but I know where I am going. S.O. and family know. Starting transition. Would like to hear from others."

**MICHELLE KAY**
**(CT490-K0368-66)**, P O Box 679, Avon CT 06001
Married, hetero, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, late 40's.
"Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, helpful crossdressers."

**CAROLE STEPHENS**
**(CT1799-K1954-67)**
Member Tri-Ess, COS. Attended Poconos '90. 56, 6'1", 190, hetero MWM, wife understands. Interested in aviation, outdoor sports, crossdressing/shopping, writing TV stories. "Outplaced exec looking for business that can include CD interests. Enjoy realistic CDs. Want to meet CD artists to illustrate TV fiction. Like to help emerging CDs, especially lower Fairfield, Ct. area."

**RACHEL F. BOYCE**
**(CT1903-K2205-67)**, P O Box 985, Windsor CT 06095
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

**RAMONA G. (S CT-P-M1948-K2274-64)**, P O Box 171, Montville CT 06353
Member of TCNE. Attended Fantasia Fair '88-'91, Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Awards Banquets '89-'91, Miss Provincetown, 1991. 64, 5'11", 180, MWM, hetero TV. Supportive wife and daughter. "Just love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out for days at a time, shopping en femme. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of crossdressing and being Ramona."

**RONI THOMPSON**
**(CT2477-K3501-66)**,
Ron Thompson, Box 5962 Bayview Station Bridgeport CT 06610
Masculine, muscular, professional male. "Would love to wine, dine, and dance with any passable TV/TS who would like a sympathetic, empathetic escort to highlight their femininity."

**TREVOR ALEXANDER**
**(CT2886-K4809-64)**
Sharp, SWM, 34, post-op TS (both operations), 5'7", 165, blonde, beard. Interested in personal growth, comedy, discussion, movies, music, nature, art, fun, fitness, & sports. "Like to make contact with: MTF TS, post- or pre-op (as long as full-time with plans), for friendship and possible relationship; GM, TV/CDs for friendship & support, & women; and other FTMs & professional researchers."

**DIANE D. (CT2962-K5108-65)**
Member COS. SWM TV, 18/20 ultra tall, 38. Interested in golf, skiing, seven years 12 step experience. "Have been dressing fully over one year, now, and have made lots of great friendships, and growing wardrobe. Like to hear from all, especially tall sisters out there."

**ANDREA STEVENS**
**(CT-P-M3214-K6216-67)**
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, mid-40's. Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Dressing fully since early 20's, just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others and making life a total experience."

**HEATHER M.(CT3218-K6212-66)**
Member COS, MGA. Attended Fantasia Fair '92. 38, TG. Interest, being female—goal full-time—shopping, education to become female. "Interested in meeting or corresponding with all TG/TS/CDs."

**JACKIE ELLIS (CT3301-K6560-66)**, Box 1226, New Britain CT 06050
Member COS. WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "First love is dressing up. Would like to correspond, swap photos, and meet other TVs."

**JOHANNA B. (CT3759-K5153-64)**, P O B1877, New London CT 06320
TV, 50, 6'6", brown hair, green eyes. Interested in classical music, computers, movies, *Star Trek*. "Love all things feminine, still in closet, but trying to get out. Looking for a very supportive SO. Would like to meet and correspond with other very tall CD/TVs (6'5" or over). Love my femininity, and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

## *NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)*

**SUZIE M. (N NJ686-K0419-67)**
MWM, late 40's, Bi-TV, 6'1", loves lingerie, nylons, and high heels. "Have been dressing all my life. Would like to meet other bi sisters to share fantasies."

**ELENA LEWIS(NJ1200-K417-64)**
P O Box 4805, Clifton NJ 07015
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. S TV, trim and petite, late 30's. Intelligent, sensitive, demure, and affectionate. Active in NY area gender community. Enjoy dining and cultural activities. "Enjoy dating mature men. Knowing how limited prospects can be, seek other sisters to share interests. No heavy tobacco smoke."

**JULIE C. (NJ1460-K0452-65)**
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

**LISA MARTIN (N NJ-P-M1853-K2152-64)**
Attended Fantasia Fair '90 & '91. "MWM, 6'1", 175, CD. Choose to nurture female side of my nature, love feminine dressing, especially heels. Like to correspond for mutual sharing, support, and possible shopping and club outings. Glass is half full. Other interests include psychology, shopping, running, tennis, dancing, and the beach."

**KATHERINE H. (N NJ2073-K2139-64)**
Member TGIC. Participant Fantasia Fair, IFGE Convention, Be All, Coming Out, Spring Fling. 6', brown hair, pre-op TS. Loves music, humor, corresponding, and helping others. "Do stand-up comedy, Broadway poetry, and all things feminine. Rap group moderator. Love to travel, housework, gardening, talking, and answering letters."

**SHARON DAVIDSON (N NJ2342-K3051-66)**
Married pre-op TS. 47. Interested in drum and bugle corps, cruising w/family. "Like to meet and write to other TSs, particularly in NW Sussex County NJ. Wife and ten-year-old son very accepting. Hope to start 1993 living full time as Sharon."

**JOANNE MICHELLE W. (NJ2944-K5064-64)**
Member Tri-Ess. Bi SWM, pre-TS, 36, 6'3", 195, brown eyes/hair, never married. Interested in everything female, malls, romance novels, writing, quiet nights with a good friend. "Open minded, sincere, pass well, want to hear from other TS/TVs/GGs to help me be the woman I am. Need a kind reassuring friend to get out of the house more. Very shy."

**KATHI LEIGH H. (NJ-M3024-K5328-65)**
SWM, 39, 5'11", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, considered cute by friends. Interested in fishing, photography, new age music, nature walks, biking, and quiet evenings at home. "Mostly in the closet CD. Go out once in awhile at night, dressed. Wish to meet or hear from TV/TS or GG to help. Shy and easy to get along with."

**JODIE H. (NJ3136-K5720-66)**
SWM, hetero, late thirties, 5'10", 155, 10-12. Interested in love jazz, old movies, cars, stereos, dining out. "Been crossdressing my whole life. Still in the closet, but wish to pass. Love to meet other TV/TSs for friendship and get-togethers in NJ-NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly."

**KIM JOHNSON (NJ3037-K5279-65)**
5'9", 155. Interested in running, computers, sports, coaching Special Olympics. "Am a married hetero male. Crossdressing ever since I can remember. Would enjoy meeting others in area to make some new friends."

**CAROLINE G. (NJ3070-K5682-65)**
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 46, 22T. Trying to survive. "Lifelong CD still struggling to take the first step out of the closet. I really could use help with the fundamentals. A strong shoulder to lean on wouldn't hurt. Will answer all."

**TERRY M. (NJ3206-K-66)**
Member MOTG, Renaissance. Attended Poconos weekends, Autumn Accords. 5'8", 39 forever, brown hair and eyes. Interested in early music (Medieval Renaissance era), bluegrass, philosophy. Am active in 12-step recovery group. "Happy to be out of the closet and involved in our community."

**BABS C. (NJ3219-K6211-66)**
Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM, late 40's. Supportive and understanding loving wife. Interested in twentieth century art, music, standardbred horses, tennis, decorating, and shopping. "As my alter ego I find contentment and excitement, and escape from stress, as my own woman or my wife's submissive."

**PORSCHEA ANN P. (NJ3297-K6553-67)**
130, size 9, young, brown eyes and hair. Interested in dancing, shopping a must, dressing in club style and elegant fashions. TV working on TS ambitions. "Hopefully, spring '93 will be the start of my journey to happiness. Correspondence welcomed. God bless us all!"

**KAREN KEYES (NJ3309-K6595-66)**, P O Box 141, Chester NJ 07930
MWM, TV, 44, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attractive and

feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TV couples for friendship and socializing. Can travel or entertain. Let's dress together. Photo appreciated. Single TVs also welcome to write."

AMANDA BARNETT
(NJ3346-K6854-64), P O Box 110116, Nutley NJ 07110
5'7", 10, 145, 50, red hair, green eyes. Interested in writing, history. "Would like to correspond and exchange photos and share true life experiences."

JANE T. (S. NJ3487-K7209-66)
6', 200, 49. Bored, never leave closet. Interests include corsets, rubber, mild B & D, flat shoes, not into heels or makeup. "Will write to all. Stuck in closet with no light. Married to cooperative wife."

DORIS C. (NJ3643-K7840-64)
5'7", thin, cute, well-educated, good writer. "Since dressing in younger sister's clothing as a child, the attraction to dressing in teen and pre-teen clothing has only gotten stronger. Also love women's clothes. Would love to write all with similar interests. Were you forced to dress as a child, encouraged to pursue interests at home? Will answer promptly and trade experiences."

JIOVANNA TOWERS
(NJ3678-K7998-67),
P O Box 285, Roselle NJ 07203
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. Pre-op TS. 5'7", 140, single, live full-time. "I enjoy hairstyling, makeup, cooking, music and dancing, as well as hosting get-togethers in my home. On hormones since July '92. Well on my way to SRS in '94. Seek others in the gender community for mutual friendship and support."

LINDA MARIE C.
(NJ3864-K4739-65), Box 431, Piscataway NJ 08855
5'8", 140, TV, Asian, 24. Interested in being a complete woman whenever I can. "Looking to hear from anybody interested in writing. I'm new to the scene. Love to be myself dressed. Especially love to hear from younger crowd, and girls near NJ."

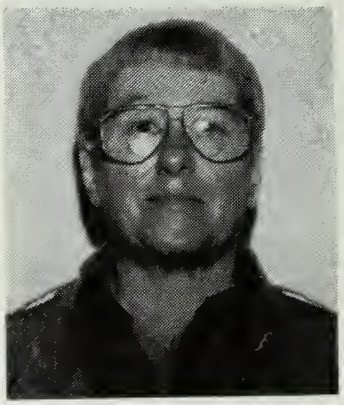
STACY R.
(NJ3870-K3467-65)
Member Renaissance. Single TV, 38, slender blonde, blue-green eyes, sensitive and peaceloving malchick. B.A. in History, working on B.S. in Chemistry. Interested in reading, writing, hiking, low fat cooking, film, Tai Chi Chuan, Zen, transgenderism, mythology, nature, healing arts, gaming. "Plan to get out in various locales. Welcome correspondence from all."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ3949-K8505-65)
MWM, bi, 5'11", 34, educated, shy, full-figured. "New girl on the block and would very much like to learn and experience more about this wonderful lifestyle. Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to sexy lingerie and teddies. Want to correspond with others and make new friends. Discreet letters w/ photo will be answered with the same."

DIANNE WHITE
(NJ4025-K5217-66)
SWM, 58, 5'11", TV borderline TS. Slime figure, nice legs. "I love dressing stylishly and provocatively. Tired of the closet. Seek supportive female's guidance and determination who says, 'Dianne, you will indeed go out in spike heels and a mini.' That's my dream. In the meantime, would like to share yours or simply chat. All letters answered."

SUSAN D. (NJ4033-K6843-66)
5'8", 165, brown hair, blue eyes, 33, MWM. "Wife totally unaware of desire to live life as a woman. Interested in corresponding and meeting other M-F TSs who have been down this road for support and advice on how to go on with my transition."

BETH C.
(NJ4049-K8781-66)
Member of Renaissance. Treasurer of S NJ Renaissance. CD, 5'10", 140, 24, real blonde. Interested in dressing, writing, new friends, guitar, beach, pets, rock 'n' roll, a friend of Bill W. "Been dressing for five years. Have supportive girlfriend. Active in TG community. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TG/TSs for sharing interests, tips on building self esteem, and passing."



BAMBI P.
(NJ-NP-M4098-K5668-67),
P O Box 563, Voorhees NJ 08043
F-M seeking men only! Wants very masculine bi or gay genetic male. "I'm 5'3", over 45, classic writer-type. Easy going and educated."

## *NEW YORK (090- 149-)*

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY228-K582-66), Mr. W. Brant, Box 741, Schenectady NY 12301
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-NP-M0434-K0657-67),
Box 0734, Jamestown NY 14702
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

RENEE' SLOCUM (W NY-M0651-K0649-64), P O Box 977, Geneva NY 14456
Member CD-Network. SWM, 5'11", 160, hetero, 34, college educated. Interested in photography, ballet, R and R oldies, antiques. "Like to hear from CDs in Geneva and Finger Lakes area. CD for over 20 years. Not passable, but enjoy private feminine get-togethers. Like to hear from women interested in CDs."

ANGELA S.
(W NY-P-M0719-K0615-67)
Member EON, TVA. Participant Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together. Awards EON Pioneer Award. 5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

JODIE PAULINO (W NY-M0973-K0653-67), P O Box 15731, Rochester NY 14615
Member Rochester CD-Network, Tri-Ess. 44, happily married 20 years, 2 children. Interested in home video, pho-

tography, cinema, gardening, swimming. "Membership coordinator of Rochester CD Network where I enjoy meeting and helping new members. Told wife in '86. She accepts need, but doesn't participate. Dressing is an enjoyable change, a yin to complement my yang."

**DELORES MERHIGE**
**(SE NY808-K555-64)**, D. Merhige, P.O. Box 327, Massapequa Park NY 11762

Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

**VICKIE STONE**
**(SE NY1035-K559-67)**, Box 31, Hempstead NY 11551

Member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Hetero TV, 6', 185, attorney. Hobbies include writing (published in *Femme Mirror* & *Femanine*, editor *Lifelines*), music (former pro musician - guitar & bass). Still enjoys song-writing. Home recordist, avid photographer. Seeks fellow TV ski bums to ski NY, MA & VT. Enjoys NYC night clubs. Responds sooner or later. Enjoys helping novices.

**RICKY HUNT**
**(W NY1044-K702-65)**

Member: Tri-Ess. 6'2", forty and fat. Interested in computers, photography, cooking, and folk music. "While I'm seriously into crossdressing, I see the humorous aspect of it clearly. I love letters,but take forever to answer. Write anyway, something to wait for."

**JULIE C.(N NY1695-K610-66)**

Member TGIC. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88, '89, '90. Hetero TV, 52, 5'9". Interests in family, hiking, camping, SF.

**JAN ALYCE V.**
**(NYC-P-M1187-K0506-64)**

Member Tri-Ess. Participant Poconos Weekend, Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme. S 43, 5'11", 195. Interested in opera, classical music, shows, long-distance running. "Enjoy being out as a lady to the opera and museums. Also shopping and nights out at comfortable cabarets and restaurants in Manhattan. Let's share experiences."

**JOAN FASHIONS (N NY1220-K598-65)**, P O Box 1756 S Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12603

Participant Tiffany Club Spring Outing, CDI/NYC meetings, Club Allure. MWM TV/TG, 50's, retired. "Live almost full time. Travel NYC/NJ area as normal, everyday woman. Family grown and understanding. Letters with photo from individuals with similar interests will receive prompt response."

**VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL**
**(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-66)**

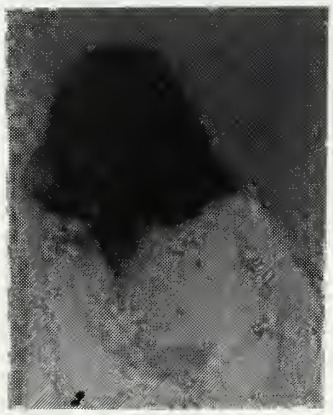
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

**KATHERINE H.**
**(NY2073-K2139-64)**

Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89 & '90, Be All, Coming Out & Spring Fling in Albany. Was on "People are Talking" in Boston. 6', brown hair, pre-op TS. "Love music, humor, corresponding with and helping others. I do stand up comedy, Broadway poetry, and interested in all things feminine."

**DEE DEE ANN SUMMERS**
**(SE NY2246-K2738-66)**, P O Box 4462, Great Neck NY 11021

Member of LIFE, Director GNYGA, Co-Chair Moonlite in Manhattan. 5'10", blue eyes. Interested in meeting people, reading, fashion, dancing, theater, and music. "I have had some wonderful experiences and have met many beautiful and special friends the last few years as Dee Dee. I've just begun."



**KATHY R. (NY2361-K3078-66)**

Active multi-faceted person. "I'd like to let my feminine self emerge and try going out in public. Would appreciate a friend for mutual support. I especially value friendship with genetic women. Hope some could correspond. I also need a CD optometrist for eyeglasses!"

**CHRISTINA SCHULTZ**
**(LI NY1981-K2396-64)**, Chris S., Box 233, Lindenhurst NY 11757

Single, hetero TV. Early 30's, 5'8", 140. Interested in rock and classical music, SF, and computers. "Been dressing since childhood, but still need help working on my feminine image. Looking to make some new friends."

**MARJORIE THOMAS**
**(NYC-P-M2266-K2923-66)**

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Poconos weekend. SWM, 37, 5'7", 135. Interested in sports, classic rock, and putting on dresses. "I'd like to correspond with/meet other TVs and women (provided they like to wear dresses, too). I have a dual personality and prefer to deal with others who are similar. I correspond a lot, so please be patient if I don't answer right away. Drag is great!"

**JENNIFER B.**
**(LI NY2441-K3429-67)**

MWM, mid 40's, 5'9". Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions. Trying to become computer literate. "Wife supportive. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and bondage fantasies. Am basically a caring sensitive person."

**VERONICA MARTIN**
**(N NY2482-K3564-66)**

SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still

looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY1744-K1907-67)
DWM, 41, 180, dirty blonde. Interested in women's fashion, dressing and makeup, health and fitness. "Dressing since early childhood. Enjoy conservative clothes, heels, etc. Strong TS feelings."

JUDY H. (NY1920-K2200-64), J. Holhower, P O Box 370, New York NY 10150-0370
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

JANET LANG
(NY2539-K3709-67)
SWM, 43, 5'9", 160, non-smoker, TV. Possibly bi. Soft-spoken feminine, discreet, attractive dresser. Interested in current events, electronics, reading, sewing, malls, TV-TS publications, lingerie, and heels. "Seek women or passable TS's for friendship, dating, shopping, traveling as girls, and girl talk. Will date as a man, or could date a man. Prefer Queens, Long Island area."

MICHELLE MARTIN
(NY-NP-M2834-K4740-65)
W NY single TV, 28. Interested in fashion, music, friendship, passing. "Lifelong TV. Caring and understanding. Starting to get out more as Michelle. I enjoy corresponding with others and making new friends."

SANDI T. (NYC2902-K4924-65), Box D8, 496-A Hudson St., NY NY 10014
Member Metamorphosis. 5'11", blond with blue-green eyes, 130, 8, very feminine pre-op TS. "Enjoy the exciting chemistry of the male-female relationship. Am looking for an affectionate, decent man over 6' for a long-term relationship."

SHARON ANN STUART
(NY-P-M2848-K4761-64)
Member of Tri-Ess, TGIC. Attended Dreams, Texas T Party, Fall Harvest, was Miss Dream Community, 1977. MWM, 6', 165, 61, 14, blue eyes, brunette or redhead. "CD since four. Virginia Prince let me out of the closet in '68. Go out often. Writes TV fiction & poetry. Wife tolerates, but rarely participates."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY2851-K4777-64), P O Box 16127, Rochester NY 14616
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with a very supportive wife. Have dressed all of my life. Interested in movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange letters and photos with those who enjoy all things feminine. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"

JILL DIAMOND
(LI-NY2852-K4771-65)
SWM, 48, 5'7", 140, very passable. Engaged to a supportive friend. I enjoy quiet evenings by the fire or evenings out on the town developing my femininity. I've been out of the main stream for a few years, just now getting back into the flow. *The best of both worlds.* Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and their mates. Travel extensively."

DORIS KRESS
(NY2861-K4820-64)
Member Chi Delta Mu, Renaissance. 42. Interested in gardening, cooking, reading, jazz. "Married to a supportive, loving wife. Try to get out as much as possible, but I want to improve my femme self. Interested in hearing from others similarly situated, especially those in Long Island, New York City, and N.J."

CHRISTINA LEIGH
(NY2895-K4898-64), P O Box 285, Woodside NY 11377
Member LIFE. MWM, hetero CD, 30, 6', 170, blue eyes, auburn hair, 14. Interested in reading, history, politics, current events, the seashore, and developing my femininity. "Guilt-free and accepting of myself for six months. Wife knows, but not accepting. This limits activities. Want to write others in similar situations."

CAROL TAYLOR
(C NY-P-M2910-K4905-64)
Member EON, TCNE. Participant Tiffany P-Town WSG (6 yrs.), Coming Together '90. MWM, 40-something, 5'9", 160, 16. Interested in femininity, writing (about CD), boating. "Married to a supportive (but not delighted) wife. Love the feminine and enjoy letters. Like to share photos. Believe this should be enjoyable."

JENNIFER LISETTE MARTIN
(LI-NY-P-M2920-K4988-64)
Brown hair, blue eyes, 5'15", 22-24, tall, MWM, CD, professional, nonsupportive wife. "Envy you who pass. Jennifer loves to dress up in her best, would really like to correspond or meet with others. Enjoy outdoor sports, boating, golf, skiing, gardening, and reading. Need support of the experienced to become the woman I wish to be."

KIM CODY (NY2927-K4985-65)
MWM, 40's, 6'2", 180, lifelong CD. Wife is supportive and accepting. "Dress every day except for work. We visit P-town and Manhatten often. Love all things feminine and am confident and happy with who I am, thanks to meeting others and becoming homest with my-self. Will do our best to answer those who write."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY2732-K4399-67)
Member of Tri-Ess.

LYNN K. (NY2735-K4407-64), P O Box 1172, Amherst NY 14226
5'7", 35, 135, TS. Interested in photography, sailing, making new friends, reading. "Recently emerged TS. Would like to meet other GGs, TVs, or TSs to share ideas on dressing, getting out, shopping. Developing my female persona toward being a woman 100% of the time. All responses answered."

**DENISE MILLER**
**(NY2974-K5110-65)**, P O Box 361, Amherst NY 14226-0361

Member Tri-Ess. 43, 6'1", degreed, life-long CD, single, discreet, good humored, own small business, straight. Interested in golf, volley ball, architecture. "Like to meet others. Need make up help/practice. Dress most evenings. Where can I buy Misses tall sizes (18-20)? Lane Bryant seems to be dropping talls."

**DENISE MILLER**
**(NY3012-K3595-65)**

Member Tri-Ess, attended Be All '92. MWM, 51, 5'6", 155, professional, private person, discreet. Interested in reading, movies, computers, cooking, photography, would like to try dining out, getting together for friendship, etc. "In closet except when traveling, dressed for shopping, mall walking. "

**EMILY C.**
**(NY-NP-M2966-K5109-68)**, P O Box 306, New Hartford NY 13413

MWM, midforties, 5'6", supportive wife. Love cooking, crafts, shopping, corresponding with others, family, exchanging ideas. "Love the total look. Am beginning to venture out and meet others and enjoying every minute. Let's write. Your letter will get a quick response. No sex letters. Photos encouraged."

**BRENDA V.**
**(LI-NY-NP-M3089-K5695-70)**

Member: LIFE. SW, 43, 5'9", size 16, dedicated TV. "Suppressed for too many years, etc. Thrilled to be Brenda. Love to go out, learning to pass. Love classic career-type appearance. Feel the need to experience and learn from all you wonderful people. Looking for pen-pals, friends, outings, girl talk."

**DENISE O. (NY3124-K5662-65)**

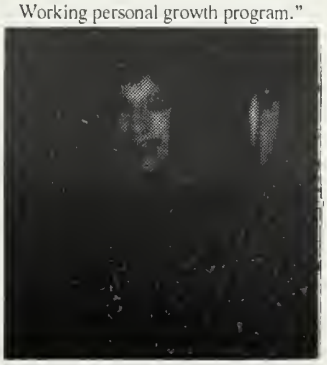
5'7", 180 and dropping, 40's, divorced. Interested in friendships. I love to correspond and will answer all. Willing to meet others in NYC & LI area. Love classical music, Broadway shows, model railroading, shopping and dressing. Love to hear from all sisters out there."

**ANNE HARPER**
**(NY-P-M3195-K6097-66)**, P O Box 82, Alton NY 14413-0082

43, divorced CD, 5'11", 170. Active member EON. Self-employed designer. Interested in writing, building my designs, and enjoying crossdressing. "Live alone now and enjoy the freedom after twenty years of repressions. Many friends know of my CG activities and are accepting. Would like to correspond with others with similar interests."

**ANGELA MARTIN**
**(NY3252-K6426-66)**, Box 10794, Rochester NY 14610

Member CD Network. SWM, forty-something. Lifelong CD. "Wrote and published, *Remember Hercules*, positive thoughts for CDs. Viet Nam era Veteran. Working personal growth program."



**SHARON HAYES**
**(NY3292-K6543-67)**

MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."

**JANICE G.**
**(NY3316-K6587-67)**,
P O Box 1701, Amherst NY 14226

Member CCDC, Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisiters, Nu Phi Chi. Fantasia Fair '91, IFGE '92, Be All '92. S CD, 40, 5'6", 150, involved with a few support groups, enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Not passable, but haven't let that stop me. Other interests: *Star Trek*, Sci-Fi/ fantasy, astronomy, hiking, American histroy, music."

**JEAN TAYLOR**
**(NY3375-K6723-67)**, P O Box 121, Goshen NY 10924

Member CDI, LIFE. Attended Texas T '92. Married, CD/TV, 50's, 120, 5'6", with tolerant, understanding wife. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, shopping, and dining en femme. "Love to make and meet new TV friends all over USA & Canada. Can travel to meet & love to correspond and swap pictures."

**VICTORIA LYNN**
**(NY-P-M3429-K7035-64)**, P O Box 1951, Syracuse NY 13201

Member of EON. Attended Autumn Accord, '90. 5'8", 145, WM TV. Married, but strong attraction to other TV/TSs. Wife very supportive. Interested in history, engineering, writing, science, learning more about my feminine side. "Dressing for fifteen years, but just out of the closet. Will answer all."

**STELLA ARNOLD**
**(NY3434-K6031-67)**, P O Box 232, East Norwich NY 11732-0232

SWM, TV, 38. Interested in bowling, dancing, music, and model railroading. "Looking to meet new friends. TV/TS/GGs welcome. Try to resond to all."

**JOANN S.**
**(NY3455-K7096-67)**,
P O Box 675, Medford NY 11763

Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of Long Island."

**PATTY H. (NY3593-K7571-64)**

Member Rochester CD Network. DWM, strictly TV and proud of it! Mid 40's with long-term genetic girlfriend. Big and sometimes bold. "Have passed, and not had bad experiences when read. Usu-

ally such occasions are amusing. Have not been able to get out as much as we would like because of the kids. Would like to meet and/or correspond with similar couples in the Finger Lakes."

**MONIQUE DEVEREUX (NY3609-K7691-64)**
P O Box 1391, Bowling Green Station, New York NY 10274-1391
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

**VICKI M. (NY3674-K7974-64)**
30's, 5'10", 16, 170. Interested in Victorian antiques, photography, fashion, making videos. "Love elegant surroundings and clothes, bridal gowns, formal wear from the 40's and 50's, satin, velvet, as well as 'career wear.' Have lots of clothes I'd like share with others, but need help with makeup, wig. Would love a maid to help me."

**GINNY P. (NY3386-K6800-64)**, G. Petrie, P OB 4103, Rome NY 13440
50, 5'10", 180. Interested in sports and golf. "Been dressing for years, but very privately. Now have more time available, so like to make new friends who share my special loves. Write and I will respond."

**DONNA SINGLE (NY3791-K3141-64)**, P O Box 109, Centerport NY 11721
MWM, 40's, 5'9", TV. Interested in tennis, camping, hiking, computers, shopping. "Love lingerie, corsets, passable TV, bi-TV. Would love to meet other TVs for talk, support. Will answer all."

**JODIE H. (NY3700-K8044-65)**
Attended Poconos Weekend, Provincetown, NYC, Boston. All fun places. MWM, 40, 5'11", 150. "Super supportive wife and having a ball together in this exciting, feminine world. Want to meet other couples that are into all the fun parts of crossdressing and share it together."

**TRISHA ANN K. (NY3754-K2695-65)**
Experienced live-in care giver, SWM, TV college educated, polite and quiet. "Just relocated to New York state. Would love to find a position where I could at least occasionally dress. Would consider relocating to another state. References."

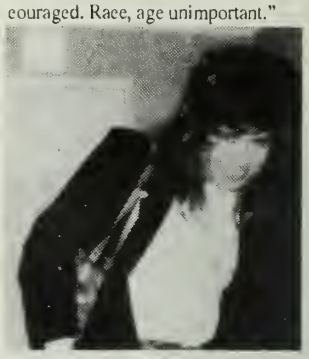
**AMANDA F. (NY3757-K7318-65)**
DWM, 50, 5'10", 180. "Lifelong interest in CD, only now starting to dress. Love being feminine. Still in closet. must be discreet. Wish to correspond with and exchange photo with very passable TV/TSs. Especially interested in pre-op TS and understanding women. Need help in developing femme side. No men, please!"

**KRISTINA BRYS (NY3767-K6661-65)**
SWM, hetero TV, 31, 5'9", 130, green eyes. Interested in movies, travel, cooking, history, finance, and entrepreneurial ventures. "Looking for understanding females to help me explore my femininity. At this writing, still in closet, but very much wish to come out. Am attractive as male or female. Am a loving and caring person. Exchange photos."

**JANIE JILL G. (NY3776-K3786-65)**
Member LIFE. 5'11", 12/14T, long-waisted and leggy, brown hair and eyes. "I travel extensively and desire to correspond and/or meet with as many of my sisters as possible. We are all in this together! Love to do girl talk, exchange tips, adventures, photos, places to go. Cerebral discussions welcome."

**KATRINA E. RYAN (NY3817-K-65)** P O Box 90594, Rochester NY 14609
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 39, 5'10", 240, BA. Interested in photography, model railroading, racquetball, cooking. "After lifetime of guilt, am finally coming to grips with the enjoyment of having a feminine part of my existence. Love to correspond with anyone to share experiences and friendship. By being happy with self, I've grown. Hope to continue with the help of others."

**E.A.W. (NY3839-K6786-65)**
Single black male (light complexion), 34, 6'1", 240, solid build, ex-football player. Interested in music, reading, and laser video disc. "Have always been attracted to TVs and CDs. Would enjoy weekend dates with Long Island members. Long-term relationship desired. Correspondence from anyone anywhere encouraged. Race, age unimportant."



**ERICA H. (NY3937-K8489-65)**, E. Haracz, Box 1420, Stony Brook NY 11790
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. Published in COS monthly Newsletter. 5'10", 177, pretty passable, 40-29-37, fit from miles on the Stairmaster! Brown hair, eyes, S, no children, college-educated professional. "Enjoy shopping, movies, dinners out discreetly done with trusted girlfriends. Love penpals, designer casual clothes, and trips into NY City."

**JOANNE R. SILVERMAN (NY-NP-M3970-K3852-65)**
50-something, conservative, married (she doesn't know, yet), people-oriented, understanding. "Love meeting new and interesting friends to mutually explore and watch grow. The femininity that bonds us together. The real me first surfaced in my single-digit years and has been developing ever since. Trying desperately to come out, and could use a hand."

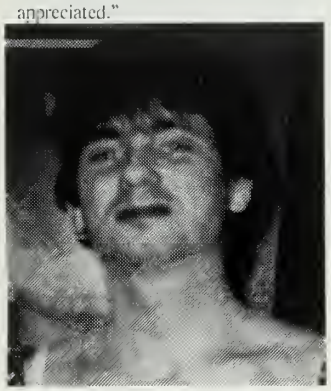
**CAROL M. (NY3982-K1297-66)**
TV, 43, 5'11". Interested in skiing, sailing, outdoor sports, travel, Broadway plays. "Looking to expand my TV iden-

tity. Will travel and correspond to others with same interest. Send letter with photo."

**GEORGIA WEST**
**(NY4054-K8791-65)**, P O Box 30011, New York NY 10011-0101
SWM, TS, 6'2", 150, artist. Interested in art, travel. "In a closet, reaching out."

**PETER L. (NY4077-K8801-67)**
SWM, 39, 5'1", 120, brown hair/eyes. Interested in computers, movies, some sports. "Looking for a TS for a long lasting relationship. Race doesn't matter. Will be loving to the right one. Please send photo. Will answer TVs as well."

**RACHEL W. (NY4097-K-66)**
5'7", 34, CD. Interested in sports, shopping, walks, sunsets, and dressing. "Would like to meet CD/TV/TS. I am clean and would expect the same. Photo appreciated."



**DANIELLE IANELLI**
**(NY4085-67)**, P O Box 395, Merrick NY 11566
Pre-op (M-F) TS, 32, 5'5", 125, CPA, CD since age of four. On the shy side. "Seeking hormones and electrolysis, SRS in future. I love to wear dresses, d all sorts of feminine clothing. Seeking long term friendship with other M-F TSs and dedicated CDs who can give me pointers. Will answer all letters. GGs welcome."

**CHRISTIANNE A.**
**(NY3936-K8494-65)**
SWM, 30, 5'11", 148. Interested in photography, skiing, movies, and learning about the person growing inside of me. "Finally come to face the feelings I've had for a lifetime, and feel as though I'm at the start of a long journey. I'd like to correspond with pre- and post-op TSs who have walked this path."

**DONNA JOHNS**
**(SE-NY3988-K2900-65)**
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, hetero, 6'1". Wife knows but does not approve. Have been dressing privately for many years. Still in the closet, but would enjoy corresponding and meeting with other TVs on Long Island. A golf nut, enjoy sports in general, gardening, and fine dining."

**JANE ENGEL**
**(NY3685-K7994-64)**
Member of LIFE, Tri-Ess. 34, M, 5'7", 140, lt. brown hair, blue eyes. Post graduate photographer/geographer. Interested in travel, photography, sports cars, computers, tennis, skiing, baseball, football, gardening, music, dance, theater, swimming, art, and earth sciences. "Go out dressed day and night. Am a fashion mave. Want to correspond with others who want to do the same."

## *PENNSYLVANIA*
## *(150- 196-)*

**ROBIN FREY**
**(E PA932-K729-67)**,
Box 2072, Southeastern PA 19399
Member Renaissance. 43-year-old pre-op on hormones. Interested in boating, hiking, and sunbathing. "Pre-op TS would like to meet Mr. Wonderful so I can be the housewife I long to be. Need help for surgery. Can relocate. Anybody interested in opening a TV/TS boutique in Philadelphia area?"

**BETH STEELE**
**(PA1031-K663-66)**
Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.

**ALISON LAING**
**(E PA1242-K733-66)**, P O Box 635, Phoenixville PA 19460
Renaissance, past Managing Dir. Outreach Institute, Chair Congress of Reps Fantasia Fair'92-'93 , Ms Congeniality '87, Happy bigenderist, married, supportive spouse. Interests;travel, food, wine, arts and crafts, Native American culture. Educate the public about TG lifestyles. "Work for the good of community. Spend much time as Alison."

**REBECCA SUE M.**
**(PA1357-K711-64)**
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

**MARYANN KIRKLAND**
**(E PA1531-K0450-66)**, P O Box 1242, Newtown PA 18940
Member Renaissance Education Association. Attended IFGE '90-'93, Renaissance Woman of the Year, '90. MWM, early 40's transperson. Wife is supportive. Interested in public outreach, college speaking visits, television shows, newspapers, personal letters. "Closets are for clothing, not people. If you would like to make this statement a fact of your life, write to me and my supportive wife."

**MICHELLE DOUGLAS**
**(SE PA2623-K3889-67)**,
P O Box 156, Paoli PA 19301
MWM, 40, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

**WILLOW AYLA SHENEN**
**(PA2052-K2449-65)**, P O Box 534, Huntigdon Valley PA 19006
38, 5'8", 170, blue eyes, brown hair, DWM, hetero TV. Interested in Native American spirituality and culture, environmental concerns, reading, conversation, and being in nature. "Lifetime CD/TV. Accepted myself 15 years ago. Supportive girlfriend helps. Express feminine nature in all aspects of life."

**JENNIFER WHITE**
**(W PA1722-K1880-67)**
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

**JANET ROSE**
**(PA1879-K2179-64)**
Attended Be All and Fantasia Fair. SWM, 49, 5'11", 143. Interested in business, race cars, domestic chores, CD. "I do turn into an exhibitionist in front of a camera. Would love to meet mature, understanding women for fun and friendship. Girlfriend also interested in meeting CDs' wives."

**CRAIG SAMSON**
**(E PA1977-K2548-65)**
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

**ROBIN F.**
**(W PA2020-K2429-65)**
SWM, early forties, 6', 175. Professional with graduate degree.
Interested in psychology of CD fantasies. "Recently had first make over. Enjoy dancing in full skirts and petticoats. Like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Appreciate assistance from other CDs and women who would help."

**WENDY MILLER**
**(PA2412-K3321-66)**
President Transpitt, pre-op TS, living and working full-time. Attended Be All '90 & '91. 5'10", 170, 45. "I can be reached most evenings at the Transpitt phone, (412) 231-1181, and enjoy talking with CD/TSs in Western PA area about our group."

**PHYLLIS JEAN W.**
**(W PA2770-K4563-67)**
Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, 160. Interested in painting, drawing, guitar, shopping. "I appreciate letters from my sisters, and will try to reply to as many as I can."

**LISA MARIE M.**
**(W PA3829-K3485-65)**
Married, 42, 6'2", CD, understanding wife. Interested in music and shopping. "Would like to emerge from closet if possible, but need advice and encouragement. Although a lifelong CD, my life has been a private one. I didn't know you all were out there until now. Please write."

**MISHA ROBERTS**
**(PA2882-K4862-65)**, P O Box 5662, Harrisburg PA 17110
6', 31 years young, single. Beautiful person, great sense of humor. "Enjoy making money. Love short skirts and the art of illusion. Please respond to me in a friendly manner. All who write, please include full photo. Misha is interested in sharing all facts of her life with all and everyone."

**ROCCANA DEFAZIO**
**(PA3383-K6784-66)**, P O Box 51195, Phila. PA 19115
"I'd like to say Hi to all the wonderful friends I've made since joining the *Tapestry* family. It's opened up a whole new avenue of excitement for me. Would love to meet an understanding woman in the Philadelphia area."

**ALLISON D. (PA3321-K6602-66)**
Member Transpitt. 5'10", 150, WTS (9 mos. on hormones), personable. Interested in movies, sports, dancing, tennis, racketball, softball, cards. Enjoy making good friends. "Would like to find help in becoming more passable, voice, mannerisms, clothes, walk, etc. Could use a good mentor in all the above."

**JENNIFER ANN MICHAELS**
**(PA3358-K6729-67)**, P O Box 80, Hanover PA 17331-0080
Secretary, LSV Chapter, Renaissance. "Retired Navy. Married. My wife is very fond of her friends in Renaissance, but not always happy about Jenny. She is generally supportive, though. I participate in the Renaissance Pen Pal Project. Out of denial for two years."

**KIMBERLY ANN W.**
**(PA3641-K7820-64)**
Member Renaissance, attend DCEA. S, hetero, non-smoker, 5'10", 160, brown hair, blue eyes, 40ish. Interested in hiking, traveling, rocky mountains, military history, amateur radio, astronomy, classical music, rock, and dance. "Kim has really developed her feminine image & personality. I would love to share Kim with a real , understanding lady."

**LISA KISH**
**(PA3649-K7898-64)**
31, 6', 165, Soft and caring, a listener and traveler, a feminine soul. Interested in photography, baseball, interior design, and feminine fashion. "Am excited about releasing my true soul which I've suppressed since childhood. I have matured much since I wrote to some of you. Would love to explore the feminine side of life with those who have similar interests and attitudes. Please write."

**KATHERINE KC CARTER**
**(PA3701-K8047-64)**
MWM, TV, 36, 6'4", hazel eyes, long black hair. Interested in all things feminine, cross-stitch, reading, the seashore, music, collecting sport and non-sport cards, post-cards, etc. "CD since age five, but still in the closet. Have loving and supportive wife. Love writing and want to correspond with other sisters. Will answer all."

**SUZANNE L.**
**(E PA3736-K8202-65)**
SWM, 5'10", 195, 52, hetero TV. Member Renaissance. Attends meetings. Non-smoker. Loves nice dresses and heels. "Like to go malling and to the movies. Willing to support others who want to come out of the closet, day trips, etc."

**JENNIFER B. (PA3774-K4301-64)**
TV, SWM, 27, 6'1", 180, toned figure, professional, graduate student. Interested in music (listening and playing), reading, outdoors, sharing life. "Would like to be introduced into TV/TSism, crossdressing, and all things feminine. Still consider myself a novice, but believe I have the potential to be passable. Love to hear from understanding 'women.' Answer all who write."

**KATHIE HAWKINS**
**(PA3964-K8584-65)**, c/o Dorwart, Box L-24, Antes Fort PA 17720
Pre-op TS. 5'8", blue eyes, shoulder-length brown hair, slim, 29. Interested in rock 'n' roll, sci-fi, movies, poetry, and love. "I'm looking for a knight in shining armor to whisk me off my feet. Race and nationality unimportant. Am loving and submissive. Would consider marriage to the right man. I'm the typical house-wife type, but I like to go out to movies, folk and rock concerts, too."

**MICHELLE POOLE (PA3813-K3861-65)**
Member TransPitt. 6'1", 175, 34 but looks 25, green eyed blonde, passable TV. Loves photography, nature walks, snowskiing, movies, and staying in shape. "Love dressing sexy, makeup, leather skirts, sheer black seamed stockings with black or red pumps. Would like to hear from all, especially TV/TS and a real woman to share my dressing with."

**RICA ASHBY FREDRICKSON (PA3845-K2902-65)**
"New" lesbian (but I've always been one), post-op (Biber 10-9-91), Lutheran Christian, lesbian feminist (PC-not!), programmer (PCs-yes!). Interested in sci-fi, computers, networking (give me your usenet address and I'll e-mail you mine), women's spirituality, "politically incorrect" sexuality, singing (alto), lesbian/gay square dancing, promoting acceptance of diversity in the lesbian feminist and Christian communities.

**KRISTINE W. HOLT (PA4013-K7597-66)**, P O Box 904, Oil City PA 16301-0904
Member Erie Sisters, Transpitt. 36, DW pre-op M-F TS, 5'7", 140. Interested in letter writing, friendships, support groups, men. "I'm a legal female, in full transition—working, living and loving unquestioningly as a woman. I'm seeking confidential correspondence and/or meetings with sisters traveling the same road, to share with them the trials and joys of this wondrous journey. Friend of Bill W."

**D. WENRICH (PA4055-K8790-66)**
SWM, 21, 5'11", 165, green eyed, dark blond hair (long). Interested in watching Sci-fi movies, shopping, travel, cooking, and salt water fish tanks. "Still in closet TS. Would like to correspond with other TSs for support and friendship."

**LINDA C. (PA4075-K8802-67)**
Bi-female (genetic), single, blonde, 29, 36-26-36. "Desire correspondence/meetings with BiFs, TVs, TSs. Love to help sincere TV/TSs to develop their femininity. Photo and phone appreciated."

## *DELAWARE (197- 199-)*

**EMILY SHELDON (N DE629-K738-64)** E. Sheldon, P O B 4457, Greenville DE 19807
Member Renaissance. Attended Fantasia Fair '86 - '89, Most Helpful '89. Mature TV, fiftyish, pass easily in public. Enjoy fashion, friends, fun, helping others get out of the closet. Attend 2-3 TV meetings/month, 2-3 major TV events/year. "Looking for correspondence."

**LESLIE FAIRMONT (N DE2425-K3335-66)** Occupant, P O Box 5093, Wilmington DE 19808
Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Not macho, but willing to 'push the envelop.' Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

**PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON (DE931-K742-66)**
Member Tiffany Club of New England, Tri-Ess. Attended TCNE Awards Banquet, 1991. 60, 6', 180. Gracious Lady married 40 years to understanding wife. Self employed, dresses in home & office. Electrolysis completed, sails competetively, active Protestant . FAA rated pilot, reside in S. DE. Letters answered.

**AUDREY J. STEELE (DE2434-K3366-66)**
Member Tri-Ess. Participant 'Holiday En Femme'. WWM TV, 5'10", 195, 54, blue eyes, brown hair. "Almost out of closet. Mother knows and accepts me as Audrey. 3 adult children don't yet. Love all facets of cross-dressing. Like photography, meeting other CDs, writing to CDs, making new friends. Will answer. Please write."

## *WASHINGTON, D. C. (200- 205-)*

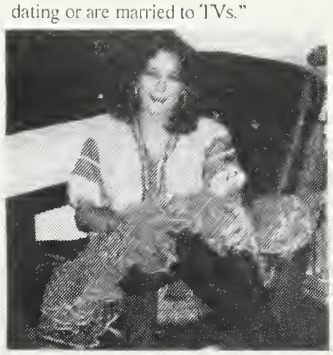
**SHEILA K. (DC3810-K7721-65)**
MWM, late 40's, bi-TV, 6'0", 180. "Been crossdressing all my life, but only in the closet. Would like to meet my mirror image - a bi-sister looking for discreet, monogamous relationship. Make my fantasy come true."

**JANICE N. (DC4009-K6391-66)**
5'5", 135, SWM. Interested in shopping, dining out, going to clubs dressed. "West coast transplant, former female impersonator, lifelong TV/Drag Queen. Will answer all who write. Photo appreciated."

## *MARYLAND (206- 218-)*

**KATE GOLDMAN (MD1652-K760-66)**
Member ETVC. 5'8", 155, 44, TV, supportive wife. Interested in photography, reading, computers, and music. "I've practiced in the closet long enough. Overcoming my anxieties, ready to participate, and determined to meet others. Promise to write back to all who correspond. Please send photo."

**CINDY HENDERSON (MD1725-K757-66)**, Box 248, Monrovia MD 21770-0248
She-male, 35, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."



**PAULA I. (MD1860-K0771-64)**
P. J. I., P O Box 24642, Baltimore MD 21214
TV, 35, 5'7", 135, married. Interested in music, songwriting, sailing, films, reading, and exploring spirituality. "Have several close and dear TV and TS friends and would enjoy developing more. Would like to explore honestly and openly what makes us alike and different. Especially interested in contacting people in the area, will answer mail from anywhere."

**NANCY ANN B. (MD2046-K2444-65)**
Member Delti Chi (DCEA), WBA. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92. 5'9", 160. Interested in crossdressing, competitive duckpin bowling, softball, table tennis, and volunteer work. "Crossdressing has always been a

part of my life. Now that *Tapestry*, Tri-Ess, and others have opened up the community for all, it hasheled me to be me."

HELEN G. (MD2227-K2672-66)
Member of Delta Chi and Washington Baltimore Alliance. Attended Fantasia Fair the last three years, Texas T Party, Program Director Delta Chi. Big TV, 5'9", size 26, 48 bra. Interested in classical music, photography, and attending TV meetings and events. "Love attending and working for the Fair and local groups. Love to meet TV sisters. Would love to meet a genetic female who understands CDs."

DIANE FERN
(MD2229-K2673-65)
Member of Couples. "A mature TV with transgender inclinations and a very supportive wife. Enjoy progressive jazz, walks on the beach, fireside talks, and small social get-togethers. Dress virtually every day. Look forward to meeting people interested in open discussion of the TV/TG lifestyle and sharing gender euphoria - let's talk!"

JULIA CYBELE
(C MD2739-K4337-64)
New Woman 12/92; INFP; born year of the Dragon under Libra new moon; Gemini rising. Member DCEA; Mensa. Participant Texas T, '91. Universalist; mystic; hetaera-philosophe; 5'10", 170, IQ 151+. Adores: autumn sunsets; Dr. Biber; the key of d minor; the Maltese Islands; fragrance of Tunisian Amber; Atlantis; divine ecstacy.

ANN MILLER
(C MD2776-K4606-64)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 39, 6', 180, lifelong TV. "Ready to start out of the closet. Interested in corresponding with other TVs and TSs. Educated, responsible person desiring to meet same. Please respond with photo."

BARBARA A. (MD2795-K4613-64), P O Box 3255, Laural MD 20709
Member D.C.E.A. TV, 5'10", 140 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes. Travel frequently to CA, CO, FL, and AL. "Interested in corresponding with others and making new friends."

FRAN CAMPBELL
(MD2855-K4792-64), P O Box 469, Bowie MD 20718-0469
Member of Boulton & Park Society, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance. 6'2", 215, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in music, MIDI, computers. "Just relocated to the DC area. Will join one or two local support groups when settled. Would like your comment on the available groups. Please write."

LYNN B. (MD2931-K4992-65)
Member Tri-Ess. Participant Poconos Weekend. 6', 175, 60, hetero TV, married, supportive wife. Interested in good music, photograpghy, fishing, string art. "Been CD since age 13. Mother found out when I was 11. Interested in meeting others, couples, for friendship and support. All CDs in MD, DE, VI, come on out, to have our own chapter!"

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON
(MD3142-K4212-66), P O Box 1551, White Plains MD 20695
Member of DCEA, Tri-Ess. 43, 5'9", 16, blue eyes, frosted (graying) dark brown hair, married to an extremely supportive lady. Love shopping, good food and wine shared with friends. "I love being out among my sisters, and meeting new sisters in my travels. I'm a slow but steady correspondent."

ALEXANDRA RICHARDS
(MD-3862-K4064-65) P O Box 65, Glenn Dale MD 20769
Very attractive CD, 35, intelligent, warm, optimistic, perceptive, emotionally secure. Lover of feminine beauty, psychology, philosophy, spirituality. "Seeking beautiful, intelligent, articulate CD/TS or genetic woman for correspondence, friendship, maybe more. Include photo for response."

LINDA G. (MD3900-K8389-65), Box 8003, Temple Hills MD 20757
TV, brunette, green eyes, married, 29, 190, 5'11". Interested in writing. "I enjoy hearing from anyone who shares my interest in crossdressing. I welcome correspondence from men who appreciate a girl with something extra."

MICHELLE HANSON
(MD3598-K7626-64)
38, 5'10", very overweight. Unsupportive spouse. Shy, but excited about coming out. TS tendencies since childhood. Interested in chess, hypnosis, Tom Clancy novels, Chinese food, feminist issues. "Would like to correspond with others in the DC, MD, VA area who are dealing with TG issues. Recently started therapy (Again!) and am intent on letting my feminine side live, even thrive."

## *VIRGINIA (220- 246-)*

LINDA C. (VA703-K784-66)
Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other TVs."

JAYNE MACK (VA1206-K748-64)
7010 Brookfield Pl. #545, Springfield VA 22150
DWM, early 50's, 5'8", 160, blue eyes, grey hair. Interested in writing, dressing up, jazz. "Looking for help in becoming as feminine as possible. Want to meet sisters, those who appreciate sisterhood to work with me striving for my goal."

DEBBIE LYNNE OGLE
(C VA2095-K2493-64)
6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair complexion, very passable. Interested in computers, sci-fi fiction/fantasy, music (Renaissance, Moody Blues, etc.). "I have been in RLT for eighteen months now, and hope to have surgery by the end of 1992. Interested in meeting TV/TG/TS/GGs, especially in the West Central VA area."

SHEILA W.
(VA2276-K2832-65), P O box 64593, Virginia Beach VA 23467
Member Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Interested in photography, woodworking, corresponding, meeting others, exchang-

ing photos. "I enjoy all aspects of being a CD and am delighted to meet others. My time is limited, but I try to be a good correspondent."

**KEMBERLY CARLSON (N VA-NP-M2300-K2981-65)**
Member Delta Chi, Virginia's Secret. DWM, CD, 5'11", 172. Interested in cooking, stained glass, fishing, and shopping. "Looking for new friends with a sense of humor who enjoy being alive, know who they are, or at least try to find out. Want to form group in the Dulles area of W VA. Love to exchange letters a photos."

**DIANE PARIS (VA2460-K2326-65)**, Box 478, Oakton VA 22124
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other Tvs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

**SAMANTHA W. (VA3052-K5630-65)**
Member Virginia's Secret, DCEA. MWM, hetero TV, 70's, retired, 5'9", 165, 14/16. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, bridge, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. "Suppressed TV from boyhood. Delighted to discover Virginia's Secret and IFGE. First chance ever to tip-toe out of the closet. Wife of fifty years not supportive. Welcome letters from other TV's."

**CHRIS JONES (VA3666-K7927-64)**
Member DCEA, Virginia's Secret. Married TV, 5'8", 145, 48. "Just recently started to peek out of the closet after dressing in lonely secrecy for more than 35 years. Starting to feel comfortable with myself after all this time. Love to make contact with other TVs. Like reading, dressing, shopping, learning to be better. Eager to make new friends and share experiences and girl talk. Would love hear from you."

**JESSICA WARREN (VA-P-M3673-K7973-64)**, 2101 Crystal Plaza Arcade #162, Arlington VA 22202
Member of TCNE, DCEA. Attended TCNE First Event and P'town Outing. SWM, 31, 6', hetero CD. Interested in reading, bicycling, stained glass, skating, developing my feminine side. "I try to present a passable classy image. Want to meet local sisters and genetic women for sincere pen pals. Photo appreciated."

**STEPHANIE A. BROOKS (VA3901-K6050-65)**
Member Tri-Ess. Mathematician, systems engineer, TV. Interests; math, physics, philosophy, politics, literature, backgammon, sailing, , "*Star Trek, The Prisoner*," guns, hard rock, jazz, auto racing. "To live one's life happy and without need for regret is to live a good life."

**CARRIE ANN S. (VA3960-K8575-66)**
SWM TV, 41, 5'8". Interested in computers, movies, pets. "Lifelong crossdresser, finally becoming comfortable with my lifestyle after years of guilt. Would love to correspond with females, TV/TSs. I dress evenings after work. My goal is to be a happy & respectable TV."

**MIKKI LYNNE D. (VA3792-K3263-64)**
Hetero, SWM TV, 44, 13/14, 5'9". Professional pilot, real estate investor, non-smoker. Interested in fitness, health, fashion, beauty, sunrise, fog, autumn leaves, rain, star-filled skies, brandy, chocolate, and ice-cream. "Regularly enjoyed areas of feminine dressing. Though still in closet, have been out dressed alone at night. Have decided to live the experience more fully. Will answer all TV/TSs, women, with polite photo."

## *WEST VIRGINIA*
### *(246- 268-)*

**PRISCILLA WENTWORTH (WV640-K0809-64)**
P.M. Wentworth, Box 687, Berkeley Springs WV 25411
Member Crossroads. MWM TV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

**MARY NEWMAN (WV2226-K2671-66)**
Member Transpitt. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, Be All '90, '92. DWM, 6', 175, TV with TS tendencies, 46. Interested in reading, music, walking, archery, fishing, shopping, personal growth. "Will be living full-time on a trial basis in near future. Would like contact with someone living full-time and enjoying the outdoor life (hiking, camping, etc.)."

**DEE H. (WV2329-K3026-65)**
D. D. Hensell, P O Box 422, Ridgeley WV 26753
Member Tri-Ess. 46, hetero, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interested in all things feminine, a better look, fishing, canoeing, biking, sewing. "Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me for me. Need some help in makeup. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities would be greatly appreciated."

**KAY LIGHTNER (WV2435-K3374-66)**, K. Lightner, c/o TWV, P O Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724
Member TWV. Attended Be All '90, '91, Paradise in the Poconos '91. Married CD 6'1", passable, happy and at ease in the feminine role. Interested in cartooning, sewing (make most of my own clothes, now). "Would like to hear from others interested in sewing/tailoring for CDs, but will answer all."

**RENEE LYNN H. (S WV2604-K3772-67)**, P O Box 9372, Huntington WV 25704-9372
Member Crossport, TransWV. MWM, 47. "Married to a very supportive and understanding wife. Interested in corresponding with other sisters, shopping, dressing, and just being feminine. Been CD since early childhood. Haven't been out dressed except for TransWV meeting. I would like to be able to go out in public dressed. Will write to all."

**JOYCE FRANCINE EVANS (WV3129-K5661-66)**
Member Tri-Ess, Trans W VA. Hetero

CD, SWM, 43, shy, 5'9", 180, size 18. Interested in walking, hiking, history, talk readio, *BBW* magazine, watching HSC fashion shows, and crossdressing. "Enjoy high heels and panty hose. Still in closet. Would like to hear from other CDs. Will write back. I'm discreet, expeet the same."

**DEBBIE LUCAS**
**(WV3393-K6841-67)**
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. Attended Be All a few years back. 38, 5'7", brown eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. "I've been a TV all my life. I have an understanding wife who helps me. Love passing in public in both casual and fancy clothes. Love being a lady!"

**ALICE JACKSON**
**(WV3876-K4442-65)**, Rte 1 Box 599, Lesage WV 25537
5'10", 160, 14. Interested in impersonation shows, photography, living my life as a woman. "I'm a young-appearing 59-year-old, slim and attractive. I have been dressing and passing for 35 years. Wife and teenage daughter fully supportive. Will answer all who write. Love to travel and visit. Will entertain those who wish to visit me."

## *NORTH CAROLINA*
## *(270- 289-)*

**SUSAN WILLIAMS**
**(NC2363-K3079-65)**
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 165, M hetero CD, 30. Interested in history, movies, dressing up, reading. "Very understanding wife. I have been out many times, but need more work passing. Hoping to get more involved with Tri-Ess."

**ANNE MARIE HARTMAN**
**(NC3066-K5684-65)**
SWM, 49, 5'9", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in sailing, golf, music, dancing. "Lifelong CD, passable at times. Would like to meet new CD/TS friends and especially understanding GGs for long term relationship. I respond to all correspondence immediately."

**LYNN BISHOP**
**(NC2414-K3350-64)**
Tall (6'), Slim (145), blue-eyes, blonde hair. Interested in reading, writing (poetry), music, jogging, yoga, sports (golf, basketball, baseball), conversation, and the arts. "For me, learning to love and accept myself has not been easy, quick, or simple. I'm getting there, though. The truism is true: how I feel about myself determines how I feel about other people."

**CATHERINE B.**
**(NC2480-K3510-66)**
Member Tri-Ess, Kappa Beta. Attended Holiday En Femme '91, '92. MWM, 5'9", 142. "Having a great time coming out the past two years after occasionally dressing for the past twenty. Love to shop, dine out, etc. Will correspond as work and family constraints allow."

**JANICE LONG**
**(NC3146-K4630-66)**
Lifelong TV, 6'2". Interested in cooking, shopping, reading, photography, and sports. "I'm trying to understand and accept this part of myself. I've made some progress this past year, but I'm still basically closeted. Would love to hear from other CDs and especially women in NC and VA."

**DEBBIE N. (NC3497-K7213-67)**
Dual-gendered, sober, vegetarian 38 years old. Interested in art, philosophy, femininity. "My whole self is in metamorphosis toward its original nature. Correspondence with the gender community is dearly cherished."

**JENNIFER GOODNIGHT**
**(NC-P-M3640-K7825-64)**, P O Box 2045, Statesville NC 28687
Attended Southern Comfort '91, Dressing for Pleasure '91. Buxomly built gal, 38, 5'9", 43-32-42. Looking for understanding friends that want to meet and go out on the town. Interested in music, travel, intimate times. "Can travel. Enjoy all aspects of helping others in our transgendered world."

**DONNA PARRISH**
**(NC3903-K8382-66)**
Member NCEA. 5'10", 160, brown hair. "Love crossdressing. I crossdress every spare minute I have. Want to meet other CDs, hetero and bi. I love dressing up and going out. Send photo if possible. Seeking companion."

**VERONICA JEAN SMITH**
**(NC4106-K-66)**
5'11", 175, blue eyes, graying brown hair, 40-something. Interested in art, music, dance and cooking. Enjoy outdoor activities. "I started hormone treatments 8 months ago and have been pleased with the results. Would like to correspond with other TG persons. Looking for a Clinic to complete my rebirth."

**STAN H. (NC3929-K8445-65)**
Good looking, 27, 149, athletic. "Looking for passable TV or TS for a loving and lasting relationship/marriage. Financially secure. Can relocate if you can't. Photo would be appreciated."

**JACKIE J. (NC4048-K8273-66)**
SWM, 5'9", 44, 175 and losing, size 12. Interested in dressing up, computers, fishing, hunting, aviation, dancing "shag," beach music, gardening. "Learning to accept what I can't change. Acquiring new wardrobe after recent purge and nasty divorce. Would like to write to/meet sisters in E NC, possibly start a group. Like feedback on passability, experimenting with clothing styles, makeup."

## *SOUTH CAROLINA*
## *(290- 299-)*

**KATIE MARIE JOHNSON**
**(SC3326-K6604-66)**
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 162, 43. Interested in talk radio, CD, walking, shopping, collecting miniature cars. "Been CD since childhood. Love dressing up. Wife extremely supportive, we love going shopping together. Want to correspond with others, couples who are dealing with the sexual and emotional implications of CD. Like to find or start a club in SC. Please write."

**GAYNA A.**
**(SC3639-K5635-64)**
Married TV, 45, 5'8", brown eyes, auburn hair when dressed. Passable, but don't go out because of position. Deep in closet because wife doesn't know. "Am seeking TV girlfriends to dress, have fun with, particularly in the Charleston, SC area, but will answer all. Interested in liberal politics, twelve-step recovery, cooking, military history, computers and fashion. Been dressing since age 8. Love it all."

**BOBBI RENEE LONG**
**(SC2149-K2543-65)**
Member Kappa Beta. MWM, 57, 5'8". "I spend most of my CD time in public. I love daneing, shopping, eating out, and any activity that I can do as a woman. I like conservative clothes and makeup. I've had speech therapy and hormones have eliminated the need for pads to have a feminine body. I'll write all."
Bobbi Renee Long (SC-2149)

## *GEORGIA (300-319-)*

**DIANNE KENDALL**
**(GA1298-K0850-65)**
Member Sigma Epsilon. Participant Fantasia Fair, Be All, T-Party, Southern Comfort. Columnist for British publication *REPARTEE*. "Real clothes horse with extensive wardrobe. Eat in fine restaurants several times a week. Want to hear from those who were dressed by female relatives or friends when young. Could use your material in one of my 'Pampered in Panties' columns. Your anonymity would be protected."

**JOANNA MONIT**
**(NW GA2722-K4386-64)**, P O Box 490983, Atlanta GA 30349
39, 6', 147, blond hair, blue eyes, TV, married. Busy professional just now making the time to pursue my feminine side. Life-long TV. Almost passable. Interests include the outdoors, photography stills or video, music, travel, and people. "Want to meet new friends, GGs, TVs, TSs for correspondence, photo exchange, and personal/social relationships. Travel."

**FRANCES D.**
**(GA2952-K5060-65)**
6', 200, 45, BiWM. "My wife is supportive, but does not participate. I have been in the closet since, I started dressing as a pre-teen. Long to meet others in a similar situation. Into fulfilling fantasies and making special friends. I enjoy everything feminine."

**LORI DEE HARMON**
**(GA3105-K5692-65)** L. Harmon, P O Box 674631, Marietta GA 30067
MWM, 39, 5'11", 190, 16. Enjoy hunting fishing, golf as time permits. Avid baseball and football fan. This is secondary to my love of being and feeling feminine. "Wife knows, not supportive. Love wearing lingerie, stockings, heels, and career dresses, skirts, blouses. Need help with makeup and wig. Ready to interact with my sisters and develop a passing image."

**JENNIFER A. LAVERY**
**(GA3215-K6218-66)**, P O Box 870316, Stone Mountain GA 30087
Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort, '91. MWM, 42, 5'8", 150. Hetero, passable, educated, professional CD. "Enjoy historical novels, minor league baseball, my children, home decorating, golf, and shopping. A caring, sincere person, and a true friend, willing to give as well as receive. Avid conversationalist and a faithful correspondent. Wife knows, but is totally intolerant."

**RACHEL W.**
**(GA3251-K6404-67)**
MWM, CD, 45, 5'10". Enjoy shopping and dining, going out to movies, always dressed. "Have great, accepting family. Would like to meet and correspond with other sisters."

**CASSANDRA MONROE**
**(GA4061-K8792-66)**, P O Box 488, Loganville GA 30249
6'4", 270, brown hair, eyes. Interested in CD, stamps, collecting recipes. "Would like to reestablish contact with former correspondents. Lost all addresses, etc. in accident 8/10/92. I am a quadriplegic due to the accident, but am learning to use a computer for correspondence. Will attempt to answer any letters sent."

**DIANA AUSTIN**
**(GA3283-K6478-66)**
Attended Texas T Party '91, '92, Be All '90,'91. WMM, 35, 5'9", 150, brown eyes, dark brunette. Interested in music, boating, fine wine, shopping, golf, conversation, going out dancing, fashionable clothing. "Am always interested in meeting/correspondence with others out there. Would like to explore this area with others , looking to share thoughts & experiences. N FL, GA."

**ANNIE LYNN**
**(GA3298-K6557-66)**,
Box 4423, Atlanta GA 30302
Tall, 33, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in movies, sports, history, the outdoors. "Looking for new friends to help me relax and be myself. Travel some. Would like to write/meet other ladies to have fun and learn more about being a woman."

**JOANNE JOHNSON (GA3310-K6594-67)**, 5920 Roswell Rd., Suite B107/122, Atlanta GA 30328-4922
Attended Southern Comfort '92. Divorced CD, single parent, 40's, 5'10", 175. Interested in tennis, photography, shopping. "Enjoying life more since realizing that some things need to be changed while other things should be accepted. Knowing the difference is the hard part. Would like to meet other CDs"

KEVIN (GA3446-K7099-64), P O Box 1925, Atlanta GA 30301-1925
"Have you looked through these ads too, and not found anyone you really wanted to write to? Does it seem like some areas of expression are missing? Playful, non-linear (non-dressing?) crossdresser would like to hear from you, then."

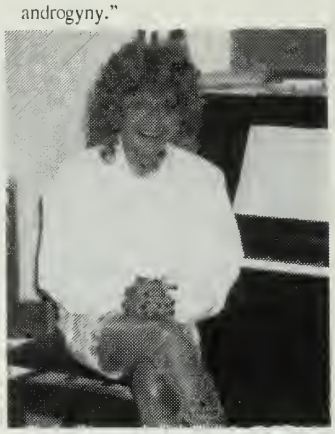
TERRI FELTMAN (GA3946-K8505-65)
SW hetero CD, 5'7", 165, 39, brown hair and eyes. "Love to collect antiques, like country and soft rock music, movies. Enjoy shopping and going out. Very passable."

## *FLORIDA (320- 340-)*

ROSALIND HART (FL0768-K1479-65)
Member of Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu. Attended Be All meetings. MWM hetero TV, 65, 5'6", 165. Interested in computers, amateur radio, feminine clothes, space travel. "Supportive wife. Three children. Am degreed professional. Would like to meet or correspond with other couples. Frequent visitor to malls and restaurants with wife. Pass with hormones and electrolysis."

JENNIFER REECE (FL739-K930-67)
SWM, hetero, 38. Interested in all water sports and boating. "Looking for a woman or a pre-op transsexual to communicate with. I'm a good person and lots of fun."

PETRA D. (FL1314-K817-65), P O Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426
Member Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort '91. Mid-30's, married to supportive wife with two children. "Edit the *Dixie Belle*, active on Tri-Ess BBS, occasionally on Genderline. Travel to Atlanta for Sigma Epsilon meetings, but would like to meet others in FL & S. GA. Interests include photography, computers, soccer, and exploring the concept of androgyny."



VANESSA B. (C FL1396-K931-65) E.B., P O Box 1076, Venice FL 34284-1076
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

CATHI Y. (FL1393-K0884-65)
MWM, hetero, TV, 41, 6'1", 170. "Love the feminine look, from gowns to short skirts. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others.

CLAUDIA K. (FL1833-K1010-67)
Member Crossport, IXE, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

CYNTHIA SILVA (FL1848-K2081-64), Box 18884, Tampa FL 33679-8884
Member Tri-Ess. SWM, hetero CD, 60's, 5'9", 200. Interested in working with my computer and amateur radio, VHF mobile, dressing whenever possible. "Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CDs, TVs, and understanding GGs for femme talk, improving my femme personality and appearance, and having photo sessions."

CHARLENE FIRESTINE (FL1934-K2223-64)
Member of Central Florida Sisters. DWM, 5'7". Interested in anything female. "Love to get together with other sisters and share ideas and dreams. Enjoy renting movies, listening to the golden oldies on the radio. Love to go out to clubs for a nice time on the town. Wish to hear from sisters all over the country."

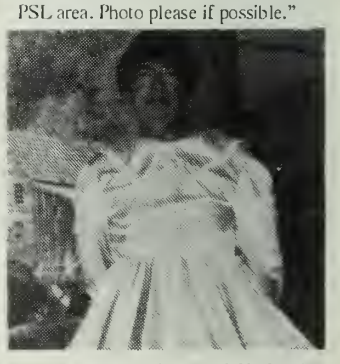
JACQUELYN NOWLING (FL2063-K2459-65)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine-making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

JEANNIE B. (FL2665-K4183-64)
Bi, mid 40's, 145, fair hair, blue eyes, no body hair, 5'7", 12/14. Interested in sun, sand, ocean, videos, cooking. "Florida: mid-Atlantic coast, seems like none of you girls are in my area. Would like to meet TV/TSs for get togethers, photo exchange. Dressing since age ten. Need help from other sisters. Goal to live the rest of my life as a woman. Please write."

JOANNE SHANNON (FL2690-K4330-67), P O Box 89, Middleburg FL 32050-0089
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'3", 215, 44. Interested in getting back to basics, homesteading, photography, natural history, electronics, computers, American history. "In the closet but slowly emerging. Wife tolerant but not supportive. Hetero but bi-curious. Desire to correspond with and meet sisters in NE FL. Need support and understanding. Please write. Will answer all."

JOAN M. (FL2821-K4699-64)
TV, 66, 5'4", single. Interested in drawing, painting, all the arts. "I am a life-long crossdresser. I like to correspond and meet other TVs or TSs in southwest FL for friendship and support."

JODY N. (FL2968-K5101-64)
Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, CD, 5'6", 130, thirty-something. TS inclinations. Interested in total feminization, reading, golf, and physical fitness. "Seeking correspondence and possible get togethers with understanding, attractive females, couples, TSs, and CDs in PSL area. Photo please if possible."

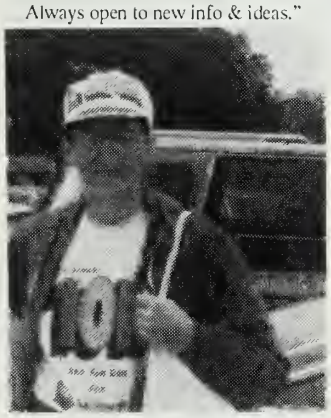


CATHY R. (FL3007-K5262-65) C. R., Box 604, Apopka FL 32704
SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV. "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."

SUSAN S. (FL3130-K4824-66), Susan S., P O Box 1572, Brandon FL 33509
MWM, 5'10", 155, CD, totally hetero. Interested in writing, reading, collecting TV fiction dealing with petticoat punishment. Wrote 250 page story dealing with sissification. As a boy I was crossdressed frequently. My story mimics my life. Answer all sincere letters. Include photo, exchange books, stories, etc."

**DENISE PAUL (FL3334-K6615-67)**
MWM, 5'7", 16. Very supportive spouse, getting close to passing. My wife and I have long accepted my dual personalities. Interested in computers, travel and shooting. "Would enjoy corresponding with discreet, warm and sincere people. Will answer all. Can be contacted through Prodigy CTCB91A."

**BOBBI REED (FL3171-K6048-66)**
5'7", 130, slender build. Very real breasts. Interested in writing, video, meeting new friends, travel, and sharing new ideas. "I would like to become a member of some group, but time and job prevent that at present. Would be glad to hear from anyone that has time to write. Always open to new info & ideas."



**RAY HUNT (FL3499-K7200-64)**
5'6", 150, fit, muscular, a little overweight. F-M CD, would-be TS. Interested in ultra marathon running, cycling, reading, TV - talk shows, drawing, hiking, bird watching, gems/crystals, religion/philosophy. "Dress full time. Am androgynous in manners, actions. Would be on hormones and get surgery, but can't afford it. Seek friendship and life companion. Love to talk, swap stories."

**TRISH G. (FL3636-K7829-64)**
5'10", 180, brown hair and eyes, 51, TV since 14, hairless. Interested in military history, things psychic, cats, intense people. "Love to meet some sisters from anywhere. Very much interested in effeminate homosexualism, nude sunbathing, conversation with and meeting someone of like mindset. Welcome visitors to South FL who love lingerie."

**NORMA SUSAN (FL3794-K407-65)**, N. Corson, Box 806, Land O Lakes FL 34639-0806
Member Tri-Ess. 50, 5'8", 190 and losing. Inexperienced, eager to learn. Non-supportive wife. Enjoy meeting new friends in Tampa area to have fun dressing together. Would really love to meet sister who would share home for CD sessions and shopping together. Will answer all. Photo helpful."

**LINDSAY DUVAL (FL3879-K4598-66)**
TV, 37, 6', 160, hetero. Interested in natural history, specialist in marine fishes, collecting feathers, and wandering on the beach. "Recently out of the closet. Accepting myself for what and who I am. I enjoy dressing when possible, would love to hear from you. All letters answered."

**ANNE B. (FL3799-K2878-65)**
MWM, 6', 160, CD, 42. "Still in the closet. Love to read about CD in books and magazines. Not interested in meeting anyone in person, but will correspond. Try to spend free time dressed to some degree or other. Have dressed in female clothes for as long as I can remember, usually while alone. Love shopping and trading CD books, etc."

**SISSY K. (FL3926-K8439-67)**
MWM, 36. Interested in submissive crossdressing. "Interested in corresponding with others interested in maid service, forced crossdressing and obedience to dominant women, and others. Would love to share interactive fantasies."

**JULIE B. (FL3881-K7144-65)**
5'7", blue eyes, blonde hair, 43 years young, M-F TS. Interested in singing jazz, blues and contemporary Christian music, model railroading, real people, and nature. "Non-smoker. I'm very into singing and recording, and have done so professionally. I enjoy good conversation, long walks, and neat people to share with. Would love to hear from TV/TS/GGs."

**ROBIN GENTRY (FL3910-K8377-65)**, Box 410271, Melbourne FL 32941-0271
SWM, 6'5", 185, hetero, CD, late 30's, blonde/green. CD since age 12. Interested in politics, civil liberties, model railroading, sports, photography, nature, philosophy. "Like many TVs, I'm still trying to find that special genetic female who can accept other self. Love to hear from other TV/TSs (no gay men, please). Have been out dressed at night, however, my height hinders this practice. Photo/phone please."

**LAURA LUST (FL3983-K7370-65)**
30's, TS want to be, 5'7", 140, unencumbered. College educated, computers. "If someone out there can help, I desperately want to live and work as a full-time female. Need hormones and electrolysis, and a place to be accepted. Maybe a partnership in a boutique like Wildside in issue 62. Your letter and phone number gets my phone number."

## *ALABAMA (350- 369-)*

**ANNE ARMSTRONG (AL1478-K934-65)**, P.O. Box 530431, Birmingham AL 35253
Member Tri-Ess. "Interested in crossdressing and corresponding with others. Still in the closet."

**MARY JANE WALKER (N AL2105-K2508-64)**
Member Tri-Ess. A young 65 years old, 5'5", 165. Widowed, lives alone. Retired. "A TG, dress about 95 percent of time. Enjoy shopping and eating out en femme twice a week. Have travelled en femme. Jazz musician. Ex-railroader. Ex-commercial artist. Interested in all aspects of crossdressing, TV/TS/TG. Would like to hear from, meet others in the N.AL or GA area. Will answer all."

**RENÉE PHILLIPS (AL2535-K3705-66)**, P OB 241092, Montgomery AL 36124-1092
MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

**MICHELLE STEADMAN (N AL2547-K3717-66)**, P O Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802
Member Tri-Ess, Director of Sigma Rho Gamma Chapter - SERGA, Beta Chi,

Sigma Epsilon. MWM, 37, hetero-CD, 5'9", 190, brown eyes, brown hair. Two children, professionals. "Married to an exceptional woman who made me blossom. We formed a chapter of Tri-Ess. My wife is the SERGA liaison for the Wives and Partners Concerns. We love to write. You may write to either or both of us."

**PAULA R. (AL2820-K4698-64)**, P O Box 020623, Tuscaloosa AL 35402

Member of Tri-Ess Sigma Epsilon, MMPI. Attended Southern Comfort. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TV-TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel at will.

**CELESTE RICHARDS (AL3197-K6191-66)**

Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, ETVC, on AEGIS staff. Attended Holiday En Femme '92. 41, 166, 5'9", 16, dress to pass. Interested in helping others, Macintosh DTP, member in women's groups, shopping. "CDing is the portal and liberation of my inner self. Was not complete until I lea
rned to be the woman inside. 'To empower others is an act of compassion. To empower yourself is an act of courage.'"

**STEPHANIE MARIE (AL3516-K7207-64)**, P O Box 127, 322 Azalea Road, Mobile AL 36609

Member ASA. Attended Southern Comfort '91. Bi-TS, 23, 5'6", black hair, brown eyes. Attractive, very passable, fun-loving girl. Interested in travel, movies, nature, exciting night life, and clubs. "Would love to meet other attractive TSs and especially bi/gay women. Couples also write! Love to relocate. Photo/SASE please."

**JENNIFER EVANS (AL3783-K3790-64)**, P O Box 14352, Huntsville AL 35815-0352

Member of Tri-Ess. 6'6" short, blue eyes, slim build. Attractive CD. Have never appeared in public. Interested in diving, theatre, personal finance, channeling and spirituality. College educated professional working on Master's degree. "Love to express my feminine side. Feel free to write, especially understanding ladies."

**LISA P. (AL3834-K7532-65)**

SWM, bi-TV, 30, 5'10", 150. "Interested in meeting TV/TS/GGs who can help me become more feminine. Into fulfilling fantasies and sharing quiet romantic evenings. Can travel to TN, GA."

## *TENNESSEE (370-384-)*

**TAMMI MCINTYRE (E TN1732-K1894-67)**

Member Crossroads. Participant Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair. Tall, vivacious, fun-loving lady. "I love to shop. Have done some public speaking. I also love to go out dining and dancing. I would like to hear from others interested in our culture. I will try to respond to all contacts."

**ROBYN K. (E TN2744-K4485-64)**

Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 44, 5'8", 136, passable; professional, with advanced college degree; involved in counselling. Go shopping en femme. Hobbies include singing, guitar playing, reading, fishing, and baseball card collecting. "Would like to correspond with CD/TSs as well as genetic females for tips on improving one's feminine image. I will try to answer all letters."

**RITA HEFELFINGER (TN-P-M2860-K4818-64)**, P.O. Box 732, Hermitage TN 37076-0732

Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, hetero TV, 47, 5'6", 135. "Just married to a wonderfully supportive wife who helps with my dressing. Love to shave my entire body and go anywhere while dressed. We would like to hear from other CDs and couples who would like to meet for socializing and intelligent conversation. Promise a prompt reply."

**KAREN T. (TN3039-K4983-65)**

DWM, 5'11", 134, 50's, size 9. "I feel sexy and feminie when I dress in heels and mini skirts. I would love to celebrate my femininity with discreet, caring, slim TVs in a private setting. I'm not much of a letter writer, but I enjoy travelling to make new friends when I have the time."

**SUZANNE MCGANN (TN3963-K5866-65)**, P O Box 676, Manchester TN 37355

Tall, pre-op, middle age. Sophisticated, lonesome "lady" transplanted form Philadelphia, Pa. misses "our" culture in mid-TN. "Tall pre-op TS wants new friends to write, meet. Will answer all."

**RUBBER RACHEL (TN1640-K0945-66)** R. R., P O Box 210362, Nashville TN 37221-0362

Attractive, 6', 170, blue eyed TV. "I would like to correspond with professional, educated gentlemen and TVs interested in the company of a talented boy/girl. Sincerity, good taste, and understanding, always. Love frilled latex panties, satin slips, and flared skirts."

## *MISSISSIPPI (386-396-)*

**REBECCA ALLISON (MS3237-K6341-67)**

Member Sigma Epsilon, Beta Chi. Attended Holiday En Femme, Coming Together. WM, 40's, professional, 5'11", 150. Writer for several gender publications including *Femme Mirror* and *Grace and Lace*. "This life is such a joy—I wish I had come out years ago! I have made treasured friendships among my sisters, and look forward to meeting many more."

**KAREN SCOTT (MS3472-K7184-64)**

Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, and wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinary, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve years old. Love to hear from all CDs in New Orleans area. Write. Send pictures. I'll respond. Would like to attend parties, clubs, etc."

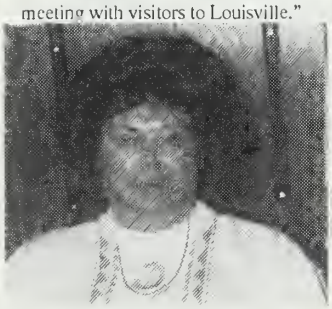
**SISSY S. (MS3443-K7091-67)**
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 36, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

**TIFFANY LYNN FOX (MS3858-K3224-66)**
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs. MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

## *KENTUCKY (403- 427-)*

**LINDA BUTEN (KY2001-K-99)**
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

**PATRICIA HALL (KY2035-K0812-65)**
Member IXE, Louisville Gender Society. "Hello! I am a person who is exploring and enjoying the beauty of womanhood. My other interests include folk dance, vegetarian cooking, peacekeeping, and feminist spirituality. I enjoy meeting with visitors to Louisville."



**LAURA RENEE PIERCE (KY2843-K4749-64)**
Member Cross-Port. Participant Be All '91. Pre-op TS, 44, 5'6", 170, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in computers, cooking, fashion, photography, learning more about make-up, hairstyling, dancing, and being a lady. "Living full time as a woman. After many years, goals are being reached, feel good about who I am. Love to meet new friends to lend support. Will do my best to answer all."

**SARAH ANN O'NEILL (KY2916-K4946-64)**
S, M-F TS, 5'7", 145, 32, seeking hormones. Interested in gardening, music, theatre, reading, sports cars and men, clothes, shopping. "Would like to hear from TV/TSs in IN, KY, WV areas. Travel throughout Southeast. Would like to hear from men interested in TSs."

**S'HER LEBONNE (KY3519-K7220-64)**
5'9", 160, 10/12, nicely proportioned, computer programmer, married with non-supporting wife. Interested in fashion and beauty tips, modeling, music, stage. "Help! New lady (four years in closet) in Tiny Town, USA needs supportive sisters. Lonely and near desparate. Would love to hear from successful transitions to give me ideas on how to escape this oppression. Try to answer all!"

## *OHIO (434- 457-)*

**MICHELLE RICHARDS (S OH1954-K1005-69)**
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

**KIMBERLY S. GRAYCHECK (SW OH1628-K0035-66)**, P O Box 751632, Dayton OH 45475
"Thirty-four-year-old crossdresser interested in improving all aspects of feminine style. Hope to meet intelligent, interesting people to help with new behavior. GG/TV/TSs all welcomed. Inexperienced, but willing to learn. Will t write."

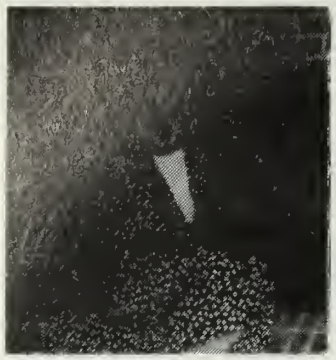
**MARY R. (OH1731-K1875-65)**
Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total rôle reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses enfemme."

**CLAUDIA K. (OH1833-K1010-67)**
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

**KATHERINE H. (OH1994-K2073-67)**
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Lets meet for fun, conversation."

**JENNY W. (NE OH2714-K4357-64)**, 23146 Lorain #171, Cleveland OH 44070
6', 175, hazel eyes, brown hair. Interested in UFOs, hair fetishes, spirituality, uniting male/female soul through meditation. "Bi-TV seeking women and men for correspondence, meeting. Fetish for long hair. Love fall, art films, and the love of an understanding friend. Does anyine wish to join me?"

**SUSAN M. (N OH2053-K2450-64)**
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. "Enjoy fishing, camping, old movies, and helping youngsters in Little League Baseball. Dress 2-3 times a week, still in closet. Want to correspond with hetero CDs in the Huron-Erie County area. If you are still in closet, frustrated, Sue would make a great girlfriend. Discretion expected."



**LAURA WHITE**
**(NE OH2406-K3104-64)**
Member Paradise. Tall, leggy TV who loves the total feminine look. Enjoy aerobics, dancing, travel and reading. "I am interested in meeting males, females, couples or other TVs in the western Cleveland area. Am attractive, successful professional who is just getting to know myself and understand my inner femininity."

**MARJORIE MILLER**
**(OH2710-K4355-64)**
Member of Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 170, 47. Interested in photography, working on cars. "I answer all letters received. Picture for picture. Meeting is a possibility. Been crossdressing since a child. Go out dressed occasionally driving around in my car."

**MARJORIE MILLER**
**(NEOH2719-K4382-64)**, P.O. Box 44006 Biddulph Rd., Brooklyn OH 44144
Member Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 165. Interested in photography and working on cars. "Dressing off and on since a child. Go out driving, and take short walks dressed. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight."

**CATHERINE MICHALEK**
**(OH2877-K4859-64)**
"I love shopping for my wardrobe. I have a collection of books and magazines on crossdressing. I hate male clothes and don't own any. I have dressed since childhood as female. I am a full-time TV. I enjoy corresponding with TVs, and will answer all. Please send pictures."

**JOYCE S. (SW OH2925-K4995-65)**
Member Tri-Ess, Cross-Port. SWM, CD, 5'11", 180, 58 years young. Interested in reading, music, gardening, traveling. "Go out dressed about once a week--to movies, concerts, and shopping. Want to meet other CD/TSs to share these activities and gain help in being more feminine. Will answer all letters."

**JENNY R. (OH3118-K5657-66)**
6', SWM, 135, CD, 33. Interested in long walks and crossdressing. "Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CD/TV/GGs for long talks and improving my femme side."

**BRENDA ROBSON**
**(SW OH3154-K5883-65)**
MWM, hetero TV, 45,190, 5'11". Hooked on nylon, silk, and lace, but need total look. "Unknowing spouse limits opportunities to dress. Feel womanly inside. Been out twice, but afraid to do it again. Love to correspond with warm, sensitive, and sincere TVs. Please include photo."

**JOAN B. (OH3224-K6235-66)**
Attended Spouthern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

**PAM HOWARD**
**(OH3162-K5989-66)**
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega, Erie Sisters. Attended Riverside Gala Weekend. 5'11", 150, blonde, hetero. Interested in computers, jazz, cross sountry skiing, kite flying. "Gone out many times. Will correspond with as many as I can."

**THERESA R. (OH3244-K6409-67)**
Boxholder, P O Box 9844, Brook Park OH 44142-0844
Member Paradise Club, Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. 6'6", 265, brown eyes, hair depends on mood. Interested in dressing, makeup, helping those "out" that are still "in" for whatever reason. "Attended Poconos in September. Since then life has been a blur. I have gotten out and love it. Will reply to any questions welcome."

**ROXANNE LEWIS**
**(OH3582-K7576-67)**
5'3", 140, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in Sci-Fi, writing, computers, Sci-Fi conventions, past lives, esoterica. "Interested in meeting people interested in same, for friendships."

**WENDY A. (OH 3361-K6733-66)**
W. N. A., P O Box 845, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0845
Sincere, 5'10", 175, 29, professional. Interested in computers, photography, and making new friends. "Would like to meet others with similar interests to discuss personal experiences, techniques, motivations, feelings for mutual support."

**VIRGINIA PETERS**
**(OH3386-K6800-66)**, Box 218, Huron OH 44839
New to this wonderful world of crossdressing, and am looking to make new friends. I may be bi, don't know, but I know how strong my feelings are when dressed. Enclose picture when you write. My response will be quick. Love to all!"

**CINDY TRAUM**
**(OH3589-K7569-67)**
Member Crystal Club. Hetero, CD, 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, 40's, German/American, college education, Vietnam Veteran, professional. "Lifelong CD. Enjoy going places en femme. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, classical music, oldies music, theater and traveling. Usually express the career-woman look. Love sexy lingerie and evening gowns."

**JENNI FREE (OH3684-K8004-65)**
DWM, 5'7", CD, 9/10, hetero, mid-thirties. "My interests are many, mostly looking for supportive GG and/or sisters who are mobile or live in central Ohio. Been told I'm passable, but had no one to give me true support and courage. Petite pre- or post-op welcome to write. Please send photo. Maybe we can help each other."

**WILLOW M. (OH3690-K8043-64)**
BMM, CD/pre-op TS, 6', 280, 38. Interested in reading, camping, shopping, contacting other pagans. "Am just beginning to express my true nature and move towards full womanhood. Would like to hear from all sisters who are on the road. Willing to write to all and help sisters out of the closet. Together we can make a difference . Wll answer all who write."

**ROXANNE L. (OH3755-K7391-65)**
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet and looking for friends with similar interests."

**JOYCE H. (OH3802-K0437-65)**
Member Crystal Club. 45, 5'10", 145, MW hetero CD. Interested in all sports, fitness, brain teasers, fashion shopping en femme. "Crossdressing since early childhood, only recently joined Crystal Club. Enjoy total feminine look, being photographed. Wife somewhat supportive. Love dressing up and going out. Look forward to meeting others. Will reply to all."

**DEBORAH LEE B. (OH4053-K3837-66)**
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Be All, Holday En Femme. 5'7", 230, pass well. Interested in art (portrait painter), music, bowling, golf, computers (I publish Alpha Omega's *Femme Silhouette*). Married. TG. "Other than work and church, I live as my femme self. See/Treas for Alpha Omega 4 years."

**ELLEN OHMAD (OH3887-K8341-65)**, P O Box 30532, Cleveland OH 44130
Member of Paradise Club. MWM CD. Interested in drawing, music, sports, dressing. "Very caring, sensitive CD is looking for someone to share feminine interests. 5'6", 130, 63. I like art, music, sports, and most of all wearing the most feminine clothes, 10/12. Still need much help in makeup. Just out of the closet."

**KRISTINE JONES (OH3931-K8465-65)**, P O Box 141140, Cincinnati OH 45250-1140
Member Crossport. Attended Be All. TV, 160, 16, redhead, married, 6'. Interested in dancing, shopping, conversation, sewing, cosmetology, and passing. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Like being well dressed. Pass well except for height. Love going to exciting nightspots en femme. Learning hairstyling, sewing, and performance (lip sync). Will answer all and exchange photos."

**JOANN HOFFLER (OH3955-K8523-65)**
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

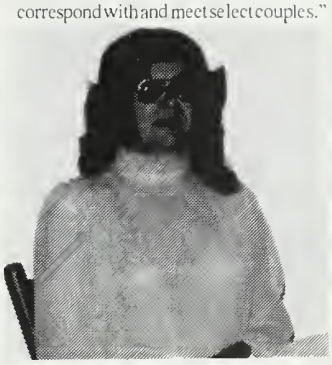
**HEATHER P. (IN4117-K-67)**
Member Crossport. 6'1", 180, mid-40's. Interested in working with handicapped persons, shopping, movies. "Starting into transition, been on hormones for 2• months. Searching for information and would like to correspond or meet with other pre/post TSs or CDs for girl talk."

## *INDIANA (463- 479-)*

**KAREN M. (C IN0807-K1021-64)**
Member IXE. 6', 160, professional, college degree. Interests include reading, sports. "Trying to integrate Karen into a very busy life. Looking for friends in the community for support. I'm especially interested in meeting more women accepting of my qualities and quirks."

**YVONNE COOK-RILEY (IN1009-K1818-99)**
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

**VANESSA W. (IN1166-K1046-65)**
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my femme self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."



**DEBORAH ANNE K. (IN2011-K2422-65)** A. Kinsey, P.O. Box 550, Roanoke IN 46783
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Be All '91, '92. MWM, TV, 51, 5'9". Interested in gardening, boating, bowling, handgun and rifle target-shooting, computers, cooking. "My wife is aware but has no further interest. I am a stay-at-home type person, love to help in background on projects. Rather bashful, but like to meet others. Will try to answer all ."

**DAN COOK-RILEY (IN1802-K1029-99)**
Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40's. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out.

**VICKIE MANSFIELD (C IN2647-K4137-64)**, P.O. Box 29408, Indianapolis IN 46229-0408
Member IXE. Post-op. Works as realtor. Active with Catholic Church, Dignity, and MSIA. "I have a supportive and caring partner, and will answer letters, especially about TS transition."

**JAMIE STONE (IN2789-K4541-64)**
Member IXE, Cross Port, IFGE. 6', 150, 40, brown hair and eyes, TV with TS desires. Interested in photography, biking, reading, music, dressing, good food and conversation, and romantic movies. "Looking forward to meeting and corresponding with other TV/TSs."

**CARIN QUEDENFELD (IN3494-K7211-67)**
Pre-op transsexual. Work as a psychotherapist and manager of a large clinic. "Would be interested in friendships and contact with experienced post/pre-op.""

**BETH H. (IN1613-K1042-66)**
DWM, 52, struggling with TS issues. Piano player, poet, professional background. "Traditional woman excited by today's challenges. 12-stepper. Spiritual. I'm moving from obsessive isolation, seeking life of greater responsibility, car-

ing and growth. Welcome correspondence, sharing from those of a like mind and heart."

BARBARA ELLEN BERTRAND (IN2324-K3021-65), B. E. Bertrand, P.O. Box 728, New Albany IN 47151-0728
Member Cross-port, CGS, Louisville Gender Society. Attended '91 Be-All, '92 Southern Comfort. TS, 5'3", 135, 35, brown hair, hazel eyes. "Would like to correspond and meet with local TS/TVs. Enjoy BBSing, sci-fi, Roman and Greek art, archaeology and history of ancient civilizations."

TEDDY K. (IN3805-K8287-65)
Member of CIGA, Tri-Ess. Post-50's MWM hetero CD. Interested in writing, music, art, history, cooking, tennis, and bicycling. "Previously repressed CD with ambitions to expand the new self. Understanding wife. Eager to learn from the experiences of others."

LISA N. (IN3932-K8469-66)
5'9", 180, blonde, very blue eyes, medium build. Interested in SCUBA, cars, and all that is feminine. 37 year old novice. "I enjoy writing to sisters and would love to meet a sister for support, friendship and learning from her. I have a lot to learn, and need a tutor. Would love photo session."

KRISTEN M. (IN4056-K8779-67)
Single TV, tall and slender. Enjoy golf and outdoor activities. "Would like to meet women or other TV/TSs for dress up fun. Enjoy corresponding and exchanging photos. Will try to answer all."

RANDI E. (IN4080-K8767-66)
Hetero CD, 44, 5'8", blue eyes and great legs. "My wife is totally disabled, which limits my time to meet people and attend events. Into auto racing, photography, flying, and dressing in short skirts and high heels. Would like to meet other CD/TVs, real women who see me for who I am and not the clothes I like to wear. I can get away for short periods of time."

VICTORIA LEE W. (IN4112-K-66)
MWM, 47, 5'7", hetero TV, professional educator. Like jazz, classical music, dance, nature, technology and the future. Everything soft and feminine. "Have loved dressing as a girl since I was 4. Wife is moderately supportive as long as it's behind the bedroom door. Need to come out into the sunlight, but living in a small rural town makes that difficult."

## *MICHIGAN (480- 499-)*

MILESA PHAR (MI976-K1068-67), P.O. Box 196, Garden City MI 48135
Member Crossroads. Participant: Be All '84-'92. Married crossdresser. Enjoys photography, motorcycling, reading, computers. "Past President, editor, V.P. of *Crossroads*. Public speaker coordinator. Produced tape for TVs and wives."

JENNIFER ANN NELSON (SE MI1165-K1050-64) Jennifer N., P O Box 431726, Pontiac MI 48343
Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14, brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

TINA L. PRATT (MI1276-K1112-65), P OB 223, Hancock MI 49930
TG/TS, 37, 5'11", 22W, long hair, pierced ears, electrolysis passable. Interested in music, art, the outdoors, gardening, and my dogs. "Live in small community, out for 8 years with no regrets! I would enjoy hearing from others. Anyone close by?"

MARSHA K. (SE MI2719-K4382-64)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, meet & go out."

ROBERT K. (SE MI2002-K2412-64)
Single male, 5'8", 170, 28, educated. "I would like to correspond/meet an ultra-feminine, pre- or post-op TS. I appreciate a creative mind as much as an attractive face and figure. Enjoy travel, tennis, skiing, movies, fine food, and stimulating conversation."

P. J. OTTENS (MI2745-K4492-67), P.O. Box 27514, Lansing MI 48909
Member Crossroads, IME. 30, 5'6", 135. Androgynous Hispanic, M-FTG, 6-year civil servant. Interested in bicycling, muscle cars, road trips, music, and dancing. "Seek support and friendship in the Lansing area. Also seek employment in the southwestern states: AZ, NV, CO, NM."

CINDY F. DINSER (MI3010-K1075-65), P O Box 651, Whitmore Lake MI 48189
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country. We have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."

JUDITH ASHBY (MI3079-K5674-65)
Member of IME. Single TV with TS tendencies, passes well, 5'6". Interested in shopping for women's clothes, reading, feminine conversation, travel. "I would like to meet or correspond with anyone, male or female, who likes wearing women's clothes, or who would like to try it. Am experienced and could help those just starting, or those coming out of the closet. That's not a fun place to be."

JENIELLE HERESY (MI3299-K6562-66), P O Box 13263, Lansing MI 48901
Member Crossroads and IME. 6'6", slender 190, 35, single. "Free lance artist using many mediums. Enjoy all aspects of femininity, quiet evenings at home, art galleries, most music, movies, and home improvement. Yes, I'm tall, and I love it. Will reply thoughtfully ASAP."

**MARISSA C. (MI3346-K6854-64)**
Member of Crossroads. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme, Texas T Party. Single, Asian, hetero TV, 5'9", 120, size 5. Interested in computers, shopping, very passable. "Want to correspond with other TVs and women for intelligent conversation as well as girlish chatter. Only friendship, otherwise I 'vant' to be alone."

**M. STEPHANIE WELLS (MI3377-K6718-66)**, P O Box 32-368, Detroit MI 48232
5'9", early 40's, TG and very open minded, but perhaps too introspective. Interested in photography, books, computers, high-tech gadgets. "Formerly very outgoing, but now just stumbling along. Hope to make a few friends, hear some different viewpoints, and regain my perspective. Travel through OH, PA, and Washington, D.C. Please write."

**DEBRA D. (MI3490-K7206-67)**
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."

**DIANE C. (MI3740-K8200-65)**
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professionally employed. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want to finally allow femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality . Seek friendship and correspondence, relationship, perhaps leading to marriage."

**LAUREN B. CASSANDRA (MI3849-K2147-65)**
Fun-loving romantic, bi-SWTS, 28, never married, nonsmoker, 5'7", 170, dark brown hair and eyes. Professional degreed interior designer. "Adore shopping, travel, classical music, opera, intimate evenings, and being a woman. Have accepted myself and the long road to SRS. Hoping to correspond and meet with pre- and post-op M-F TSs to share experiences and concerns. Send potos. Seek long term relationship."

**DIANA T. (MI4051-K8778-66)**
MWM, 34. My interests include cooking, computers, music and education (U of M student). "TS on hormones who is married to a wonderful woman that shares my enthusiasm to meet TV/TS or single WM for conversation, friendship, dating and romantic evenings. Will answer all with photo."

**JOANNE MARIE DANIELS (MI4094-K8811-66)**
45, SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and, of course, wearing women's clothes. "I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet males and females who enjoy wearing women's clothes."

## *IOWA (500- 528-)*

**JANET BAKER (IA2091-K2482-64)** D.R., P.O. Box 334, Ankeny IA 50021
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

**NICOLE LEAHY (IA3897-K6468-66)**
6'2", 155, age 22, M-F pre-op TS, brown hair, grey-green eyes. Interested in science, especially mathematical population genetics, music, theater, outdoor recreation, languages, correspondence. "Seeking hormones. Would like to correspond with pre- and post-op TSs for friendship and advice, understanding of what lies ahead. Would especially like to write professionals in the sciences."

**MICHELLE/BOBBYE G. (IA4092-K8774-67)**, M. Gibbs, P O Box 182A, Crescent IA 51526-9734
Member River City Gender Alliance. 6', blonde hair, blue eyes, 175, 12-16, SWM, lifelong CD. Interested in gardening, referee volley ball, computers, women, fixing anything. "Sculptured nail technician, love nails, nail art. Dress occasionally. Just began again after lifetime of suppression/guilt. Have positive outlook on life, great sense of humor. Kind and sensitive."

## *WISCONSIN (530- 548-)*

**MARTHA M. (WI1459-K1147-66)**
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All, Holiday En Femme. 5'6", 160, 42, married, four kids. Interested in the arts, the outdoors, a night on the town. "Wife not supportive. Only get out in public a few times each year. Have worked through a lot as Martha. Willing to help others if you drop me a note."

**PAULA M. (W WI2036-K2273-64)**
Tri-Ess National, Chi chapter (Chicago). Participant Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest Weekend. MWM, CD, 76, 5'5", 160. Retired professor. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all the visual and performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, creative writing, astronomy. "Blessed with happy marriage of fifty years to fully accepting, wonderfully supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

**JANET LYNN H. (WI2141-K2536-65)**
Member Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter. SWM, 35, professional person. "Am into photography and travel. Love to shop for anything feminine and dressing up. Have been a CD for as long as I can remember. Love to hear from all who would care to write. Am trying hard to improve my femme side."

**KATHY KLINE (WI2234-K2678-65)**
42, single male. "I've been dressing since 10 years old. Love music, karate, shopping and movies. Would like to meet female who can accept what I am. Will correspond with other sisters."

**FRANCINE RENAE (WI3263-K6403-66)**
MWM, 47, 5'8", 240, disabled Vietnam Veteran. Interested in model railroading, anything feminine, equality education. "Beauty is in the mind and in the heart. Looking for sisters who can believe the same. Want to share femme ideas. Enjoy dressing. Seek CD/TS/GG friends. Wish to hear from others in NE WI."

**CATHY K. (WI2898-K4951-64)**
47, 6'6", 18 ultra tall. Married to my very best friend. Interested in outdoor activities, visiting with friends. "My wife and I would like to expand our circle of friends in the gender community. We are also available to newcomers to the transgender community as we are very aware of the fact that there is no help available in North Central WI."

**KIM GREEN (WI3113-K5678-65)**
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

**TANYA K. (WI3275-K4933-66)**
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, with strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Travel and dress in hotel room, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to be able to tell wife. Like classic and elegant styles. Would like to hear from similar."

**BRENDA H. (WI3695-K8042-65)**
Attended Holiday En Femme '91. MWM, early 40's, 5'9", 155. Interested in photography, fashion, traveling, current affairs, golf, computers, physical fitness, and gender community. "After suppressing CD desires for years, I'm coming back. Love dressing and going out. Enjoy theater, fine dining, non-rock nightclubs, and, of course, shopping malls. Tend to feminine professional style. Want to hear from similar. Photo appreciated."

**CATHY BROWN (WI3698-K8037-65)**
S, 30's, 5'9", 155. "Lifelong TV with occasional TS thoughts. Almost passable, but need a supportive push for public outings. Would like to meet sincere TV/TS or genetic females for sharing, feminine appearance improvement, and public outings. Interested in forming an Upper Great Lakes support group. Will answer all letters with a photo."

**KARA S. (WI3781-K3306-65)**
5'13", 215, 30. Single, Native American TV. Interested in philosophy, cooking, long walks, music, meaningful conversation. "Believe in striving for balance in life: left-brain right-brain development, the male and the female within, concern for oneself and for one's community. My feminine side is more visible on the inside. My first peak out of the closet. Write if you have something to say."

**GINA CARR (WI3635-K7811-64),** P OB 23139, Milwaukee WI 53223
MWM, 6', size 20, hetero, with supportive spouse. "Enjoy shopping with wife for items, especially lingerie, and trying things on. Lifelong CD just now getting into total feminization. Would like to hear from like couples, or other CD/TVs. In the Madison area for future meetings. No pros, please."

**ANA RICHARDSON (WI3938-K8485-65),** P O Box 183, Neenah WI 54957-0183
Slender athletic redhead, 135, 5'7", size 6. Interested in skiing, acting, music, camping, ailing, clothes! Flowers, baseball, travel, parties. "Seek interested women, CD/TSs in NE WI. Sober, healthy, literate, single people. Prof. writer correspond with both of me!"

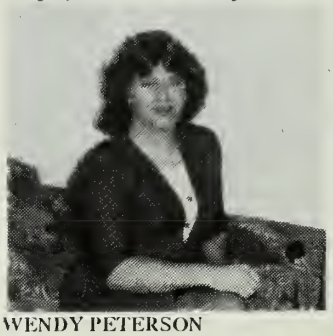
**JAYNE D. (WI3788-K4236-64)**
5'9", 160, MWM CD. Interested in music, art, theater, photography, and travel. "Am new to the community and would enjoy hearing from all who would care to write."

## *MINNESOTA (550-567)*

**REGINA S. (MN0383-K1155-64)**
White gender dysphoric, 5'8", 150, 43, celibate by choice and convictions. Interested in libertarian politics, history, Victoriana, reading, writing, and contemplative spirituality. "Law school graduate, but have many non-legal interests. I would just like to find a few sincere friends if any exist out there. Thanks."

**JENNIFER O. (MN570-K1161-67)**
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended F. Fair the last 2 years. Enjoy hearing from people w/ similar interests."

**VANESSA S. (MN1168-K1159-64),** Box 11771, St. Paul MN 55111-0771
5'11", 165, brown hair & eyes, 40's, 16, passable, hetero CD. Interested in psychology, theology, music, books, golf, femininity, and the gender community at large. "Love dressing and going out. Happily married to supportive wife. Working on degree in counseling. My wife and I are deeply committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ and try to live accordingly. Cherish my femininity and found that I am much happier on allowing my femme self to emerge."



**WENDY PETERSON (MN2193-K2625-65)** W. Peterson, Box 617, Stillwater MN 55082
29, 5'10", 13/14 going to 11/12, brown hair and eyes. Interested in high heels, dresses, garters, meeting others with like ideas, traveling, movies. "Been dressing most of my life, and find it very relaxing. Enjoy getting in touch with others who dress also. Would like to make some close friends in the Twin Cities and St. Croix Valley area."

**KATHERINE H. (MN1994-K2073-67)**
Member CLCC. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM TV with TS tendencies, mid 30's, live as a woman part time. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, tennis, golf, decorating. "Love to relax and let my femme side take over. Want to make friends as Kathy. Pass. Would love to hear from you."

**DEBBIE DAVIS (MN2396-K3143-67)**
Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, TV, 5'9", 12/14, early 40's. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical and psychiatric centers. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"

**JUDY KASSE (MN2743-K4486-64),** P O Box 16143, St. Paul MN 55116
5'11", hetero, overweight. Interested in ham radio, photography. "Enjoy reading fantasy stories about he becoming she, transformation stories. Would like to exchange stories, books, etc. Still in closet. Wife and family do not know."

**MIRA LaCOUS (SE MN-P-M2818-K4680-67),** P O Box 13659, St. Paul

MN 55113
Member MFGE, CLCC, co-sysop LateNight BBS. M-F TS, 29, very tall, slender, long hair, quite passable, living about one-third time as a woman...soon more. "Love getting out and meeting friends. Life is great since I started transitioning. Starting TS program at Univ. of Minn. Looking for friendship, sharing with TV/TS/GG. Write so we may correspond and/or meet. Not looking for anything sexual."

**DIANE KANE (MN-P-M3107-K5691-65)**, P O Box 16756, Duluth MN 55807
MWM, CD, 27, 5'10", slender, wife semi-supportive. "I enjoy creating a pretty and feminine appearance. I would enjoy corresponding with others, especially in N MN. Photo would be great! Let's get to know one another. We can never have enough friends."

**MARYANN U. (MN3820-K7601-64)**
Member CLCC. M-F TS, 48, 6'2", blue eyes, maturing blonde hair, considered passable. Interested in cooking, gardening, cruising on my boat, fishing, travel, meeting people, helping others deal with their issues. "Began hormones in April '91 when I began living full-time. Now have inner peace and personal serenity I never thought possible. Write that we might correspond or meet."

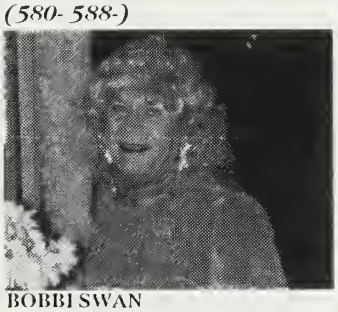
**SOFRONIA ANNE S. (MN3843-K2904-65)**, P O Box 8591, Mpls MN 55408
Member Tri-Ess. Lifetime All-American CD. Interested in forming a Tri-Ess chapter in the Twin Cities. "If you live within 100 miles of the Twin Cities, we would like to hear from you and discuss our Tri-Ess chapter."

**ELLEN D. (MN3923-K8443-65)**
DWM, CD, 5'11", 175, 14/16. Athletic, creative, a writer into metaphysics (very intuitive), travel frequently. Love to transform M-F. Need help to pass. "Will escort passable TVs in MSP or elsewhere. Love to meet inderstanding GG or post-op TS for relationship. Answer all TV/TS/TG who write. Photo, please."

**TERESA THOMPSON (MN4114-K-67)**
5'9", 14/16, 40ish, hetero CD, married, wife doesn't know. Interested in classical music, quiet walks, tennis, computer languages. "After crossdressing for as long as I can remember, I am just now discovering this wonderful community. Want to develop my feminine side to its fullest potential, both inside and outside. Would love to hear from CD, especially in MN."

## *SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)*

## *NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-)*



**BOBBI SWAN (ND3557-K0975-67)**, P O Box 92, Grand Forks ND 58206-0092
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. Separated, divorce proceeding. 60, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others, computers, golf. "My supportive significant one has been a beautician and licensed cosmetologist, and loves to work with other sisters in their personal transformations. She enjoys helping other spouses to understand our needs. We are seeking friends."

## *MONTANA (590- 599-)*

**ANDREA O. (MT3190-K6154-65)**, P O Box 6673, Great Falls MT 59406
Blue-eyed, brown-haired doll. Andrea loves walking, dancing, diving, shopping, makeovers, talking, and life. "Will graduate with BS in Computer Science 12/92. After that I want to become active in TV/TS events, and find a career as Andrea."

**JERI (MT3808-K2030-64)**, Box 3194, Butte MT 59701
Member Tri-Ess, Empathy Press. Award: Queen of Fantasy Football. MWM, 54, 6'1", 200, blonde, green eyes. Raised as a girl by a dominant mother. Passable at times. Dress in evenings as a woman. "Would like to correspond with other CD/TVs. True and understanding friend. Must be discreet. Wife knows, but doesn't participate. Wish to be totally passable. Living in small town has its limits."

## *ILLINOIS (600- 629-)*

**NAOMI O. (IL257-K1257-63)**, Box 342, Chicago IL 60690
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney, author of "Legal Briefs" column in *Tapestry*.

**EVE B. (IL523-K1199-67)**
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.

**GLORIA WRIGHT (IL613-K1205-64)** G. Wright, P O Box 172, Gurnee IL 60031
President of Chicago Gender Society, member of Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme, IFGE Convention, Be All. 5'3", 38 years young. Interested in writing, dancing, singing, jogging, karate. "I've been a terrible correspondent lately because of time constraints, but I'll attempt to write to those I can."

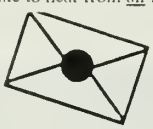
**GERI WATERS (IL1400-K1291-65)**
Member and vice-president of St. Louis Gender Foundation, assistant representative to MAGGIE. Hazel eyes and natural long hair. Good-natured Leo. Enjoys art, writing, music, cars, home decorating, and good friends. "TS looking for sisters & friends to share thoughts and get-togethers. I dress full time as a female, and am happy as such. Spouse understands and is supportive. Remember, someone does care."

**MICHELE MAGUIRE (IL2125-K2516-68)**, P O Box 6002,

Champaign IL 61826-6002
Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birthyear 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, nonsmoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

**TERESA BEATRICE K. (IL1969-K2257-64)**
6'+, 40, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst. Interested in privacy in an automated age, ethics, chess, AD&D, science fiction, space development. "I am very much in the closet and am unlikely to come out anytime soon. There is a symbiotic relationship between the computer and myself. My hobbies tend towards the cerebral, and my crossdressing fantasies are mostly in my dreams."

**JENNIFER R. THEISS (IL2994-K5185-65)** Ingrid Holm
Awards: Miss Gay Mexico, Miss Gay Germany. 5'9", red hair, green eyes, brunette, pretty, slim, very feminine. Interested in dance, entertainment, impersonations, aerobics, yoga, museums, fashion shows, night life. "Lived as a woman since eighteen. Pre-op transsexual. Worked as a female impersonator, now as a makeup artist and translator. Like to meet guys from 18-40 in the Chicago area for friendship and possible relationship. Like to hear from all my sisters."



**JACKIE V. (IL3009-K5199-65)**, 506 RR Street, Box 321, Morris IL 60450
Member CIGA, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together in Denver, and Be All in Cleveland. 50's, 6', 160, self-employed, energetic. Interested in antique cars, meeting other CDs. "Want to correspond with and meet with others in the TV community. Like to get to know genetic women who are supportive of the crossdressing life-style. Could lead to marriage. Am supportive of all life-styles, even though I am straight."

**LINDA F. (IL2977-K5145-65)**, Box 8751, Waukegan IL 60079
5'11", 165, MWM hetero CD. Interested in cooking, gardening classical music, community service, model railroading. "In closet due to job. Non-accepting wife. Seek correspondence and conversation with those in similar circumstances. Love being dressed when I can find the chance."ate support group in the area."

**PRISCILLA B. (IL3085-K5273-65)**
Hetero, married CD. Wife is understanding and very supportive. I'm enjoying this lifestyle very much. Wishing to correspond and exchange pictures and ideas with other TVs, especially couples who are into crossdressing. Meeting possible with honest, sincere individuals. Interests include gowns, sexy party dresses, leather and lace. Design and make my own costumes. Send photo for reply."

**MARGO ST. VINCENT (IL3384-K6781-64)**
Early 30's, 5'6", plus size, SWM. Interested in historical reenactments, Native American History, life, and much more! "Love spike heels, lipstick, long nails, stockings. I get into looking slutty. Enjoy meeting nondominant GGs who could train me in feminine culture and dress. Also want to meet Chicago area GGs, TV/TSs for shopping, photography, video sessions. Answer all w/photo and phone."

**HEDY H. (IL3569-K7483-64)**
"This rusty-haired Presbyterian (freckles, full filled silky knickers!) would join forces with a sprightly, scholarly, well-shod rhapsode who jolly well has her act together . . . for lyrical lettres and a faun filled fall. I am slender, shapely (40•-30-41•) and only a wee over 10 stone. What do ladies prefer?"

**JAMIE R. (IL3686-K7749-64)**
6', 40ish, professional with own business. Married, wife non-supportive. "Still in closet looking for genetic girls or sisters to help me put it all together. Interests include marine biology, classic cars, and good books."

**BARBARA ANN ROBERTS (IL3816-K6257-65)**
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'10", 175, 49, educated professional, TV. "Love to dress up, go out, outdoors, fishing, hunting, Chicago suburbs. Dressing all my life, now want to come out. Have joined support group. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship, sharing, learning."

**RENE L. (IL3850-K1561-65)**
Member of Chicago Gender Society. 6'2", brown hair and eyes, bi-closet TV. Interested in herbal medicine and biology, rock music, political consciousness, cooking. "Seeking white bi-females or TVs for friendships, possible relationships. Natural long hair a plus."

**SUSAN ROBERTS (IL3797-K4725-64)**, Box 153, Chicago IL 60690-0153
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 160, 45, blonde, brown eyes. Hetero. Married 19 years. Interested in all things feminine, music, especially classic guitar, cycling and woodworking. "Longtime CD relatively new, coming out of closet. I think I am passable, but not sure."

**JULIE ANN P. (IL3962-K5840-65)**
MWM, 43, 5'9", 185. Interested in sporting events, women's fashions, fishing. "Wife understands, but not supportive. I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It makes me feel relaxed."

**DIANE DEEDEE BOLDEN (IL3994-K8608-67)**
50, 5'11", 14T, MWM. "Dressed secretly for years. Out in public a few times, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in November '92 and am most grateful for the acceptance and support. Am a professional who lectures, consults, teaches, and writes. Wife is very understanding but not interested in seeing me. Enjoy classical music, theater, conversation, sharing our stories. Sometimes pass well."

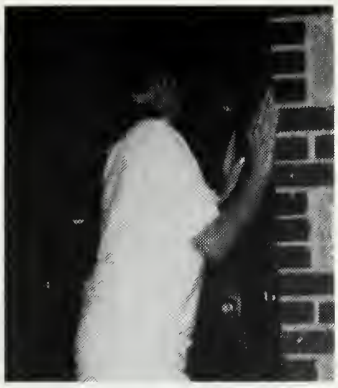
**ROBYN G. (IL2411-K3325-65)**
SWM, 33, 5'9", 135, 10, shoulder-length brown hair, small frame, feminine features. Interested in camping, sci-fi, movies, aerobics, art, and dressing up. "Recently engaged to a wonderful girl (she doesn't know). Still in closet. How do I break the news to her. Need help in passing in public, hair styles, etc. Would enjoy being pen pals with all you wonderful girls out there."

## *MISSOURI (630- 658-)*

**BARBARA B. (MO258-K0560-67)**
Member: TCNE, SLGF. DWM, 51, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, writing, and fashion. "Lifelong crossdresser and have always been comfortable and well adjusted with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Though recently forced back into closet, am finding myself again thanks to the wonderful support of my significant other. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

**JENNIFER RICHARDS (MO2689-K4328-64)**
Member StLGF, MAGGIE. Received 1992 Trinity Award, Miss Best Dressed at Fall Harvest '91, LaFemme Magnifique '85, Miss Dream '80, past officer/president StLGF. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement of others. "You've got to give a little . . . take a little . . . and let your porr heart break a little . . . That's the glory of love."

**TERRIE REESE (MO2809-K4662-64)**, Box 302, St. Joseph MO 64501
Member Kansas City CAF. 5'10", long red hair, pass easily, TG. Interested in computers, art, fashion, cosmetology. "Married to a lovely woman. Owner of Digital Dreams, a fantasy photo retouch service. Let us make you look your best. Write for free brochure."



**KIMBERLY DE'ANNE DORMAN (MO3036-K5494-65)**
Member KCCAF, GSF, GRAD. Attended Fall Harvest '91. '92. Received the Elaine Bauer Award, '92-'93. 38, 5'7", 12, squeaky clean, pre-op TS. Past officer KCCAF. Interested in shopping, reading, photography, and helping new girls out of the closet. "Worn dresses since age three and loved it. Wanted to be a girl since age 5. Let's get our lifestyle out of the closet."

**MELISSA TRANS (MO3633-K7808-64)**, P O Box 32541, Kansas City MO 64111
MWM, 6', 200, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in cooking, football, hunting, beautiful lingerie, shopping for female clothes. "Would love to meet TV/TS/GGs who would help me with makeup, femininity. Seek a friend to take pictures of my femme self. Am very shy and need help in getting out. Will be your trustworthy friend. Would like to share a small femme apartment."

**JORDYNNE BAKER (MO3874-K4403-66)**
MWM, TV, 42, wife doesn't know. 5'9", 175, BA in Art History. Interested in music, corresponding, military and aviation history, old movies. "CD since preadolescence. Love lingerie, stockings, heels, hose, pretty dresses, feminine fragrances. Want to correspond with and meet sisters to learn from you, to help in any way I can, and to share girl talk. Help coming out of closet. Want photos to share."

**JULIE RUSSELL (MO3958-K2970-65)**
DWM, 40's, 6', 185. Interested in woodworking, football, and world events involving the military. "Am interested in hearing from a hetero CD about their experiences at a major event, i.e., Poconos or Texas T Party. Enjoyed Nancy Cole's article on Fall Harvest. Would like to attend, but need reassurance."

**TONI FRIED (MO4052-K8561-66)**, P O Box 762, Festus MO 63028
Member AEGIS. 5'4", 150 losing, dark hair, hazel eyes, BiW TV/TS. "Been dressing on and off ten years, but real serious in the last year. I like meeting new people and enjoy being totally feminine. Right now seared and confused, lonely. Sound familiar? Interested in hearing from others on hormones. Will answer all."

**VANESSA T. (MO4113-K-66)**
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. "Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, and with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs and women interested in CDs for friendship."

## *KANSAS (660- 679-)*

**EVELYN B. (E KS400-K1329-64)**
"Tall, thin, enjoy getting out. Interested in meeting others interested in gender issues in Kansas City and other midwestern cities. Want to perfect classy and sophisticated feminine image. Active in some of the support groups. Lots of information on local resources and friendly shops. Not into long correspondence but can help with resources in the KC area."

**BECKY GAIL CROSLOVE (KS1346-K1321-65)**
Sexy, 5'7", 165, 40-24-36, fortyish, biTV. Married wife understand. Engineer, mechanical services division. Owner/Director: Crossdressers Research Center. Director: Gemini Research Facilities. "Want to socialize and write to friendly Kansas and other sisters. Will answer all within 3 days. Answer all SSE. Lifelong TV/CD. Friendly sisters invited."

**CHERYL BRADLEY (KS3667-K7958-64)**
CD, 5'9", brunette, pretty blue eyes. Interested in aerobics, love songs, cute hair fashions and accessories. "I've always felt like a rose among the thorns. I was different than the others and knew it. Now I know you were out there all the time. Let's be friends! Would like to hear from all levels of the gender community, including supportive real females and wives of TVs."

**ROBYN R. (KS3773-K7536-64)**
5'10", blonde, 30's, pre-op TS. Interested in photography, computers, guitar, classical music, sailing. "Interested in corresponding with other TSs, especially those who are married."

**BARBARA R. JAMES (KS4008-K6782-66)**, P O Box 3681, Kansas City KS 66103
Attended Holiday En Femme '87. M-F TG/TS, 50ish, blonde, brown eyes. Enjoy listening to classical music, Oldies, and some C/W music. "Enjoy shopping, cooking, cats. On hormones one year. Am a fun-loving person with a good sense of humor, no doubts about my femininity, and NO money. I will happily write to all, especially pre/post-op TS/TGs from SF to Reno."

## *NEBRASKA (680- 693-)*

**MELISSA JEAN H. (NE2742-K4493-64)**
Member GIC Denver, Delta Chapter.

Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interested in rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, socializing, golf, fishing, and discovering new things. "This flower seems to be a real slow bloomer. Opening even under the limitations of country life. Enjoy hearing from sisters, would like to hear from any GG. Hope to get married again someday."

**JANICE L. (NE2958-K5055-65)**
Member of Emerald City, Tiffany Club of New England. 6'1", trim, DWM, 40's, almost passable, non-smoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, especially the Pacific Northwest. Dress as professional woman. Enjoy life and having fun with others. Educated executive, pilot, physically active (basketball, walking, hiking), computer literate. Like to meet TVs for discussion, local activities."

**TAMI DIANE (NE3284-K6480-66)**
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

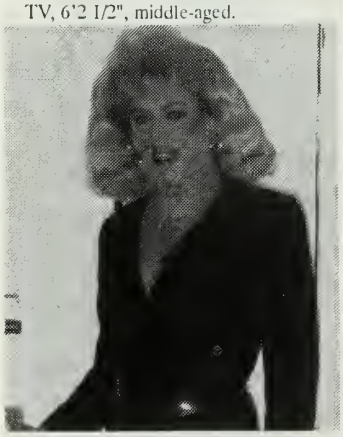
## *LOUISIANA (700- 714-)*

**LISA HART (LA1717-K1348-67)**
Single TV, 39, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Have developed cherished friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Hope to hear from others who are comfortable with their female personae."

**DIANE CLARK (LA2840-K4743-64)**
Member Tri Delta Chi and Delta Omega. Hetero, 5'11", 153, married. "Enjoy meeting people and sharing ideas. Married to a very supportive lady since Feb. '91 who helps with colors and fashions. Would love to correspond with all sisters anywhere."

**DIANE B. (LA-2467-K5028-64)** D. E. B., P O Box 51611, New Orleans LA 70151-1611
Member Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 40, 6', 160, emerging CD, Gemini, engineer. Avid runner, interested in chess and snow skiing. "My wife may not understand this lifelong interest, but she is tolerant and has been helping with my appearance. I love to hear from others. I do reply to all sincere letters."

**ALICE HEBERT (LA2964-K5098-64)**
Member Tri Delta Chi in New Orleans. TV, 6'2 1/2", middle-aged.



**LESLIE STORM (LA-NP-M4000-K8594-66)**, P O Box 214, Lake Charles LA 70602
SW, 40 going on 20, 5'10", 170. Like water skiing, fishing, golf. Open minded, friendly, sense of humor. This Cajun lady loves to dress and go out dancing. "I would love to meet other sisters and men in my area or travel to meet ya'll. With my job, I'm in Houston, Texas and Fort Lauderdale, Florida a lot. Your photo gets my letter."

**MICHELLE KELLY (LA3054-K5640-65)**
Member of Beta Chi, GCTC, Tri Delta Chi, and Tri-Ess. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, Fantasy Adventure Weekend, IFGE '92. 41, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, 170. Interested in computers and anything feminine. "Want to make friends with others. Travel south MS and LA. Work weekends. Off Tues.-Thurs. Will answer all."

**LEAH MEDUNA (LA4067-K8796-66)**
Member Understand, Tri Delta Chi. Pre-op TS. 37, 5'10", 120. Interested in art, theatre, ballet, girl talk, and shopping. "Living full-time now and enjoying being me. At last working hard to get my group Understand started. Want to fight for the rights of us in the community. Am an outgoing person interested in helping others. May the Goddess Mothers be with you all!"

## *ARKANSAS (716- 729-)*

**JANA H. (SAR2042-K2442-64)**
Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 50's, 5'7", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel. "Can we talk? Into full dressing eight years. Spouse helps, but not crazy about it. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-D's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more. Possibly meet in Ark, La, or Miss."

**STEPHENIE RENEE' F. (AR1841-K1998-64)** S. R. Fowler, P O Box 1835, Springdale AR 72765
MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being and perfecting Stephanie. "Lifelong CD, married to a once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass well."

## *OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)*

**DIXIE BERNICE MICHELLE (OK2018-K2428-64)**
5'8", 130, long red hair, fun-loving. Interested in playing music (guitar, mandolin), shooting pool, dancing. "I've been living full time for the last two years, on hormones for three. Am not a great correspondent, but if you ever find yourself in Tulsa, I'd love to meet you, yes, you!"

**GEORGIA HILBERT (OK3108-K5304-66)**, Box 10723, Midwest City OK 73140-1723
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

**MALINA W. (OK3954-K8555-66)**, Box 95542, Oklahoma City OK 73143

SWM, bi-TV, 35+, 6', 195. Interested in sci-fi movies, rock and roll, IBM compatible computer building and repair, old car and motorcycle rebuilding. "Have finally accepted self, but still in closet. Friends and family don't know, and would not understand. Need understanding person to bring out the full woman with friendship or relationship."

## *TEXAS (750- 799-)*

**JANICE HILARY RUPARD (S TX567-K1413-67)**, P O Box 63112, Wetmore TX 78163-0012

Attended Coming Together I-5, Texas T 1,2, Esprit '90. Mid60's going on 50. Interested in dressing as a lady of my age. Usually passable, but who cares? "I try to answer all letters, but may take awhile. Be sure to include your address. My psychic powers can only do so much, and the ones without return addresses are often the most interesting."

**JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX (E TX1250-K1398-64)**, Box 1105, Alief TX 77411

Participant Holiday En Femme, Coming Together, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, California Dreamin', Dignity Cruise. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coördinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes, interests include church, sports, music, bridge, English history, Sherlock Holmes. Jane and her wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples and are strongly committed to integrating crossdressing and family values.

**LAURA TAYLOR (TX1254-K1408-65)**

WM, 5'9", 165, late 30's. My main interest is improving my feminine appearance. "I enjoy my special time as Laura, and would like to hear from other CDs. My goal is to be totally passable as an attractive woman. Let's talk about makeup, wigs, fashion, and all the wonderful things that make the female lifestyle so special."

**DEBBIE BROOKS (TX1284-K1373-66)**, P O Box 532373, Grand Prairie TX 75053

Attended many events in the New York area during late '80's. Tall, slim professional entertainer. "Just getting active again after 3 years of divorce recovery. Interests include gardening, painting, music, fashion/glamor/makeup. I travel a lot and look forward to renewing old friendships and meeting new people."

**KAREN R. (TX1514-K1234-666)**

Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Interested in comedy writing, typical CD stuff. "If you can poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable about yourself, you're my kind of person!"

**MARY ANN B. (TX2194-K2628-65)**

Member Tri-Ess (Delta Omega). WM, brunette, almost 40 (ugh!), 130, and 2 inches too tall. Interested in sewing, creative fashion, cooking. "I am looking to correspond with others considering or seeking a future as a TS. Very friendly and outgoing. Would love to share experiences, dreams, and hopes (fears?) for the future. Please take some time and write. Will answer promptly."

**DONNA E. MOBLEY (TX1734-K1897-67)**

Member Tri-Ess Board of Directors. Participant Coming Together '90, '91, Texas T Party '91, Holiday En Femme '89, '90, '91, Fantasy Adventure Weekend '89. SWM, 40-something, widower. Fanatic skier/racer. Interested in scale modeling, photography, breaking nails. Widely traveled college grad, former military (combat correspondent), now professional TV/video producer. Actively involved in community activities.

**BOBBIE KAYE (TX2089-K8064-65)**

Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences and thoughts with others."

**CHERYL CLARK (TX2116-K2510-65)**, P O Box 373, Manchaca TX 78652

Member Austin Second Image. Attended Texas T Party, '90 & '91, '92, Coming Together '91, '92, Texas Seminar on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. 47, 5'9", 150, blond hair, blue eyes, accepted in public. Interested in celebrating femininity as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants, etc. Love music, dancing, good conversation, and honest people. Lecture on transgenderism at Austin College."

**CAROL BAKER (N TX2179-K2597-65)**, Box 1424, Waco TX 76703

Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

**RIKKI SCOTT (S TX2201-K2649-65)**, Box 26031, Austin TX 78755

Member HTGA. Attended Texas T Party '91, '92. Early 50's professional man, CD for many years with tolerant spouse. Psychologist doing research on childhood and family backgrounds of CDs. Interests include classical music, pipe organ, sailing, jazz, hiking. Would be interested in hearing from all TV/TSs about their families and childhood experiences with crossdressing.

**MARLINA DAWN MURPHY (W TX2211-K2659-65)**, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413

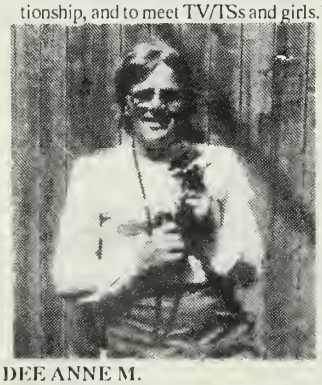
Member HTGA/NW, San Angelo, Texas. Participant Texas T Party, Fantastic Adventure Weekend. MWM, 6'2, 173, blue eyes, 12, 52, professional. Interested in fishing, gourmet cooking, easy listening music, and dressing. "Editor/publisher of *Petticoat Junction* magazine and the Texas T Party Photo Annual. Interested in hearing from all in west TX and San Angelo area."

**MAXINE MCDONALD (N TX2223-K2669-66)**, Box 820852, Dallas TX 75382-0852

Member Delta-Omega (Dallas). Attended Fantasia Fair (11 yrs.). Awards Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award. MWM, 6'2", 205, 22. Dress down, not up, sort of like your average real estate sales woman. Interested in theatre pipe organ, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers, and communications museum. "I know I don't pass, but I try to do it with class."

**SUSAN JEAN SMITH (TX2235-K2679-66)**

Attended various European TV/TS balls. 5'10", tall, leggy, extremely well educated, professional. Interested in modeling, erotic dancing, escort service, body building. Texan TV living in Europe looking for classy generous man who wants to be pampered. Prefer black men. Will consider others. Want serious relationship, and to meet TV/TSs and girls."



**DEE ANNE M. (S TX2691-K4242-65)**

College educated professional male, sales, nearing retirement, TV ten years, with accepting other, seeks friendship with 50's-60's couple (married) in immediate Corpus Christi area, where wife accepts and encourages husband to dress. Would like to socialize and dress in private only, share ideas. Replies confidential.

**JOANNA STEPHENS (TX2722-K4386-64)**, P O Box 4878, Ft. Worth TX 76164

Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Southern Comfort, '91. Admit to 39, 5'11", 142, 10, married, pass well. Interested in photography, travel, people, shopping, modeling, and helping others. "This gal has grown up and out in the past year thanks to many wonderful sisters. Now, a new city, a new second profession, Image Consultant. Possibly the first CD at Mary Kay. Enjoy corresponding and meeting with others."

**ROBYN M. BERRY (TX2750-K4496-64)** R. M. Berry, P O Box 5813, Katy TX 77491

MWM, hetero, CD, 44, 5'8", 190. Interested in camping, computers, model railroads, dressing every chance I can. "I enjoy looking as feminine as I can, and I especially like petticoats and square dance dresses."

**PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY (TX2940-K4963-65)**

Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Came out - come out. You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

**JANEY LEE (SE TX2772-K4605-64)** J. Berg, P O Box 128, Texas City TX 77592

Member Newest member of Humanity. SWM, 5'11", 140, blue eyes. Enjoy reading (amateur historian), outdoor activities, roses. "Just coming out, love to make friends. Easy listener, love to give advice. Typical Virgo. Excited about myself and new world of understanding and compassion. Please write. Would love to entertain at my home. Like to hear from TSs and GGs who like humor, good food, and music."

**LIANA JAMES (TX2949-K5062-65)**, Box 1072, DeSoto TX 75123

Member Tri-Ess, SIS. Intelligent, bright, outgoing TV. Interested in photography, travel, computers, fishing, dressing. "I have only been crossdressing for the past two years. Still in the closet. Will be going out in the near future."

**FRANCINE WILLIAMS (TX3112-K5688-65)**

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, Delta Omega. "Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife. Pass well. Enjoy everything feminine, especially lingerie and pretty dresses. Interested in photography, travel, reading, shopping, and being a woman. Hope to meet others in the community soon, and participating in events, meetings, etc. Will exchange photos. Want to improve my feminine persona."

**MELISSA THOMPSON (TX3258-K6399-66)**

Member Austin Second Image. 33, 5'10", 150, married with two young children. Interested in languages, cultures, and history of the Middle East. "My wife is fully supportive of my crossdressing; in fact we save money by sharing clothes. I most enjoy going out in public. Would like to hear from others with children."

**STEPHANIE SPIEGEL (TX3174-K6055-65)**

5'11", 170, 35, SWM, TV for 27 years. Have TS feelings. Interested in the outdoors, dressing, rock 'n' roll, current events, dressing, . . . much more. "I dream of someday becoming a she-male movie star. Looking for a female or TS to share life with. Would also like to meet pretty TVs. Have good job. Send photo if possible (returnable). I love you all!"

**DEBBIE HAHN (TX3201-K6201-66)**

Hi Everybody! 6', 170, divorced CD, member of Tri-Ess. Attended 1991 T Party. Miss my friends in Washington, DC, and looking forward to making new ones. Love music, plays, and sports. Comfortable with my maleness and exploring my femininity. I love to dress and primp. An adventurer, comedian, and smart-ass. Drop a line."

**DIANNA B. (TX3267-K6402-66)**

Member of Boulton & Park, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. 6', 180, 45, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cook-

ing, gardening, fishing, woodworking. "Out of the closet December '91. Have a supportive wife. Wish there were more hours in the day so I would have more time to dress."

**MONICA-LEE MARIE (TX3506-K7202-64)**, P O Box 550561, Dallas TX 75355-0561
Hetero CD, 29, 5'11", 150, healthy. "Enjoy conversation, restaurants, movies, reading, music, and travel. (Dressing.) Want feminine bond with secure genetic female. Comfortable with my genetic self, but seeking to perfect full feminine crossover. Life is not without its share of humor and intellect. I'm ready to share."

**JERI B. (TX3626-K7750-64)**
5'10", 158, brunette, brown eyes. Interested in cooking, aerobic exercise, pretty clothes. "Love celebrating femininity. It's comforting to me. Would like to communicate with others, especially in the west Texas area. Long letter and photo, please."

**CHERYL L. BOLEN (TX3629-K7747-67)**
Member GCTC. 5'15", shy, but artistic and fun-loving TV/TS? Interested in art, music, feminine side. "Would love to correspond with others about living as a female. Consider dating understanding and supportive hetero males."

**RANDI P. (TX3650-K7875-64)**
Member Serenity (Miami). MWM, life-long TV, 54, 5'10", professional, quiet and shy. Interested in nurturing the femininity I have always suppressed, and being who I really am. "Would like to meet compatible friends in S. Texas for social occasions and/or going out."

**KIM HUNTER (TX3708-K8038-64)**
Single, mid-30's, 5'7", blonde, blue, taking hormones. Happy, well-adjusted, loves animals, intelligent conversation, romantic candle-lit dinners, slow dancing, cooking, classical-to-jazz, and country life (owns small farm). "Will answer all who send photo."

**RENEE PETERS (TX3772-K4130-64)**, Box 2111, Spring TX 77383-2111
Member Tri-Ess. 33, SWM, red hair, blue eyes. Interested in music, sports, fashions, camping, nature. "Very passable CD interested in meeting understanding women and making friends with other CDs. Have been out of the closet for about eight months and my ex-wife didn't understand. Will try to answer all, please send a photo."

**TAYLOR JOHN (TX3818-K6221-64)**
Member GCTC. Brn hair, blue eyes, 5'8". Interested in camping, fishing, travel.

**CISSY PATRICK (TX3891-K6806-65)**, Box 440849, Houston TX 77244
6'3", 180, blonde, blue eyes, S, 44. Interested in hairdressing, cooking, classical music, photography, walking, biking, tennis. "Have been a pantywaist sissy all my life and would like to hear from all sisters, especially in the hairdressing business, and those with an entrepreneurial spirit, and ideas in the CD community."

## *COLORADO (800- 816-)*

**LAURA SMILEY (CO1556-K1444-66)**
Member GIC, Denver; Delta Chapter; IFGE Board of Directors, Chair Fund Raising Committee; Employment Law Director, ICTLEP, Inc.
Participant Fantasia Fair '89-'92; T Party '90-'93; IFGE Convention '91-'93; Be All '92, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, 40's, TG/TS 5'10", 155. Full-time since August '92. "Fun-loving, caring person who wants to bring dignity and acceptance to our community. Dressing since age 5."

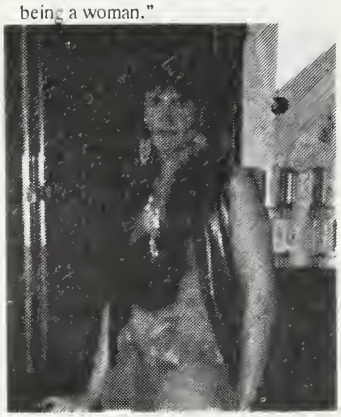
**SHIRLEY K. KNIGHT (CO493-K1450-66)**
Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing 83, 84; Texas T Party 89, 90, 91, 92; IFGE Denver. SWM TV, 50's, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine. "I enjoy hiking, bicycling, traveling, church activities, and going out in public dressed. Am currently vice moderator and Bingo cashier for Pueblo MCC church."

**CAROLYN ELAINE K. (CO2979-K5122-64)**
Member GIC/Denver, Delta Chapter/Tri-Ess. Professional writer/actor, single, self-employed. Interested in literature, history (esp. WW I), languages, bicyclying & hiking, travel (esp. England, France, and Middle East). "Passionate letter-writer. Would like to meet or correspond with Rocky Mountain sisters."

**WENDI M. (CO3725-K8260-64)**
S TV, 39, 6', 135. Interested in computers, rock climbing, skiing, and being Wendi. "I have been dressing for years, but never made it past the front door. Would like to make friends to help me get out the door. Need all the help I can get."

**ROXANNE SALEM (C CO2600-K3768-67)**
Member GIC, Delta Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Fall Harvest '90, '91, IFGE Convention '91. 40+, SWM TV. "Enjoy meeting sisters and brothers in this fantastic community. The development and empowerment of Roxanne has brought depth, meaning, peace and contentment into my life. Keep the life force flowing and keep believing in you."

**GERI G. (CO3077-K5676-65)**, P O Box 27802, Denver CO 80227
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life being a woman."



**SHEETAH O. (CO3638-K6276-64)**
GWM, 6', 160, 45, TV/CD. Love horses, mellow rock, funky music, writing, computers, nature, lingerie, and men. High-class call girl look Smooth, on hormones, good legs and breasts. Enjoy dating men or girlfriend to dress with & compare notes. Sense of humor, sensitive.

**RENAE E. (CO2948-K5068-64)**
MWM, 40's, 6', 190. Interested in photography, woodworking, needlepoint.

"Closeted, wife somewhat supportive. Dressing since age three. Would like to correspond with others to gain confidence."

**ANDREA DANIELS (CO3726-K5545-65)**
Member Tri-Ess and GIC, Denver. Attended Coming Together '91, Fantasia Fair '92. MWM, CD, 35, 5'7", 145, blonde, blue eyes. Intersted in a wide variety of music, correspondence, restauranting, skiing, running, doing occasional FI shows. "Fortunate to have made friends with our paraculture. Want to meet more shiny, happy people. Dying to do more shows."

## *WYOMING (820- 831-)*

**JILL S. (WY2881-K4861-64)**
Member Tri-Ess. 38, 6', 200. MW hetero CD. Interested in golf, basketball, needlework, woodworking. "This is my first listing. I'm just beginning to accept the fact that I'll always be a crossdresser. I'll answer all letters as soon as possible."

**LORI LARKIN (WY3229-K6287-66)**
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Chapter. Attended Texas T Party '92. DWM, early 40's, 5'6", 125, slight build, size 7/8. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and especially dressing. "Am enjoying more and more freedom as Lori. Looking forward to new experiences with a great deal of excitement. Love to correspond with others. Travel and select outings possible."

**MICHELLE INGLE (WY3332-K1454-65)** M. Ingle, P O Box 3285, Gillette WY 82717-3285
Attended Coming Together. MWM, 34, 5'7", 140. Interested in movies, rock 'n' roll music, dancing, shopping, fashionable clothing. "Wife supportive and understanding. Enjoy going out as Michelle when I can. Would like to meet, correspond, and exchange photos."

## *IDAHO (832- 838-)*

**DAYI BRIGGS (ID2078-K2472-64)**, P O Box 249, 3709 Chinden Blvd., Boise ID 83714
Single TV, TS tendencies, 5'11", 150, mid-40's, brown eyes, light brown hair. "Still like going to the mall. Sometimes I'll stay there all day. But, I wish I had a sister who would go with me. Enjoy water/snow skiing, roller skating, bowling, hooking rugs. Would like to meet or hear from other sisters from ID or OR that love doing the same things. Possible exchange of pictures and cassettes as well as letters."

**WANDA S. (ID3238-K6335-66)**
SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

**RENEE W. (ID3586-K7579-67)**, P O Box 3581, Boise ID 83703
Member Tri-Ess. SWM hetero TV, 32, 5'10", 175. "Enjoy my classy wardrobe and going out. Like all aspects of feminine lifestyle, and am passable. Want to meet others like myself who live close enough to visit. Will share photos and letters with all sisters."

**MICKIE ANN S. (ID3842-K2868-65)**, Box 55, Ahsahka ID 83520
Mid-40's, 6', 200, MWM, brown hair and eyes. Interested in camping, mountains, hunting, rafting, cooking, and dressing up. "Love to dress when I can. Have never been out, but want to learn all I can. Like to meet/correspond with others."

## *UTAH (840- 847-)*

**KANDEE' STORRS (UT2726-K4384-64)**
Member RCGSE. DWM, 37, 5'10", 180. Professional engineer, makeup artist (photo & special effects), P/T female impersonator. Interested in amateur radio, electronics, sci-fi movies, all forms of makeup, costuming, wigs, performing in shows, passing perfectly. "Would love to meet GG, possibly performer, with similar interests for mutual improvement of our illusion and performance skills. Dream of owning own nightclub, classy shows, one day."

**CHRISTY MILLER (UT2816-K4667-64)**, P O Box 21041, Salt Lake City UT 84121-0041
Attended IFGE Coming Together Convention. Interested in shopping, travel, photography, cooking. "One can never have too many friends. Please write if you would like to be friends."

**ROBIN DEXTER (UT3655-K7889-64)**, Box 181, American Fork UT 84003
Pre-op TS, 37, 5'11", 170, some hormonal development. Education in Economics, Oriental Medicine. Interested in business, metaphysics, eastern religion, writing, research, dogs, and being female. "Love to help my sisters. I believe that pain and suffering are inevitable, but misery is avoidable. Will respond to all who write."

**LINDA W. (UT3930-K5354-66)**
Member GIC of Denver. Attended Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Convention '93. MWM, 47, pre-op TS. Goal is SRS late '93. Interested in travel, nondrinker, nonsmoker, gardening, clothes, shopping. "Want to correspond with TSs and women who find TSs interesting. Living full time as a woman now. Would like to meet and talk with TS to discuss how to cope with children, one 2, one 6, and transition."

## *ARIZONA (850- 864-)*

**JENNIFER E. SAMSOL (AZ1056-K1467-64)**
DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Please write."

**RENEE MARIA GREGG (AZ2321-K3016-65)**
Attended IFGE Convention '91, Trinidad, CO '92/legal sex change form. New woman/Biber Babe 6/92. Clubs with regular, straight men & women, interested in volley ball, bicycling, dancing, romance and intimacy with men taller than I am. "Sisters and brothers, thank you all very much. My life is so right and fun and fulfilling now. I'm mentoring two pre-ops and getting into the regular world with my new women friends."

**TOMMIE F.**
**(E AZ1158-K1453-64)**, P.O. Box 182, Safford AZ 85548-0182
Member Butterfly, Tri-Ess (Alpha Zeta). Attended Holiday En Femme, Be All, Coming Together, Texas T. Older TV, 6'1", 175, hetero. Interested in model railroading, military history, skiing, SCUBA. "Like too-short skirts and a bosomy look; real passion for heels, hose, panties, bras, and slips. Would like to correspond with TV sisters and exchange photos. Will anser all. Your photo gets mine."

**CAROL DEARBORN**
**(S AZ2509-K3597-66)**
Miss Dearborn, P.O. Box 1417, Tueson AZ 85702
"If I knew, years ago, of a TS sanctuary to escape to, the Gospel of Eliminating Money, Law & the State; women (especially non-virgins) are dangerous, true love leads to babies, masturbation is sin, persons born breech (feet first) are different, virginity is a blessing, theists saw the light, and clothes and genitals don't make a Messiah . . ."

**LAURIE K. (AZ2777-K4607-64)**
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy creating the illusion of a sophisticated, fashionable woman who presents in good taste. Many interests including art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet and/or correspond with passable CDs in Phoenix area and other parts of the country. Not interested in men!"

**SANDY GARDNER**
**(AZ4040-K8786-66)**
Member of Swan Inner Sorority. Blond/red shoulder length hair, blue eyes, 5'7". Interested in camping, fishing, adventure, horses, sunsets, fireplaces, cuddling. "I prefer silky satin to soft colorful cottons. I am interested in feminine women with the same interests for a one-on-one relationship."

**FRANCIS NIEZNAY**
**(AZ2963-K5099-64)**
Member of A Rose, Alpha Zeta. 5'12", 175, 39 years forever young. Interested in power boats, sewing, cooking, photography, slot cars, sci fi movies, work. "Pre-op, out of closet TS. Not much of a conversationalist, but will try. Have been passing at local malls and bars. Electrolysis is painful."

**SAMANTHA CORMIER**
**(AZ3098-K5779-66)**, P O Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813
Member of Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Attended Fantasia Fair '91. 5'9", 39, auburn hair, hazel eyes. Interested in reading, movies, music, camping, photography, and helping others in the gender community. "Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs or GGs. Will answer all who write."

**CINDY N. (AZ4047-K8782-66)**
Member Alpha Zeta, A Rose. SWM, divorced, 5'7", size 18, early 50's. Interested in photography, computers, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping. "Enjoy meeting new people. Have been editor of *Cactus Flower* for three years, and still like doing it!"

**DAGNY TAGGART**
**(AZ3268-K6393-67)**, P O Box 10064, Glendale AZ 85318-0064
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. Hetero CD, mid-30's, 5'10", 130, divorced. Enjoy outdoor activities, computers, dogs and cats, and girl stuff. "I'm the First Lady of Alpha Zeta, the Arizona Tri-Ess chapter. I enjoy shopping and dining out en femme. Would like to correspond with women by birth. Email: 75056,100 CompuServe."

**TRISH T. (AZ3320-K6584-66)**
Occupant, P O Box 44711, Phoenix AZ 85064-4711
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. 5'10", 150, 37, open-minded, friendly, good sense of humor, college degrees, now single, slightly vain. Former California girl loves the beach, sailing, snow and water skiing, sports, female beauty, oldies, movies, and fitness to maintain figure. "Gone out with friends to lunch, movies, and chapter meetings. Be my pen-girl. Send SASE. You won't be disappointed."

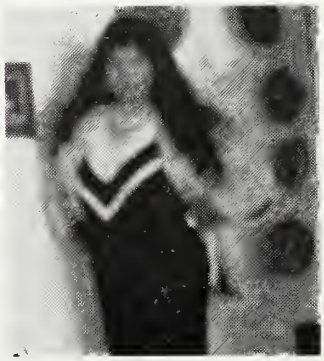
**RASHEL (AZ-4084-K8769-66)**
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. 6'0", 200, 48. SCUBA diving, photography, private pilot, piano. Hetero single TV with strong TS tendencies. "I enjoy traveling and networking with other serious sisters. Want to become more active in TS/TV/CD community. Will respond to all sisters who write."

## *NEW MEXICO(870- 884-)*

## *NEVADA (890- 898-)*

**LORI B. (NV3376-K6577-67)**, Boxholder, P O Box 72675, Las Vegas NV 89170-2675
33, 5'11", 155. Beginning transition, eternal optimist. Interested in business, writing, philosophical conversations, and shopping. "I like being me. Like to correspond with ,possibly meet upbeat people for mutual support and friendship."

**PATRICA D. (NV3448-K7084-67)**
5'7", DWM, hetero CD, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in jazz, reading, and hiking. "Have just overcome lifelong sense of guilt. My sister and mother encouraged me to become their daughter/sister. Just started crossdressing again and am very happy with Patrica. Need help."



**SUSAN BALLINGER (NV3999-K8467-65)**, P O Box 1891, Sparks NV 89432-1891
MWM, hetero TV, 38. "Active, attractive, love to dress and reveal my feminine identity to others. Have been dressing

most of my life and recently came to terms with my feminine self. I am open with my wife who, at first, grudgingly accepted Susan as a friend and feminine companion. I have been out as Susan and met male and female friends. I'd like to broaden my circle of friends."

## *CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)*

**LAURA R. COVINGTON (CA480-K1659-65)**, P O Box 10431, Oakland CA 94610

DBM, Hetero, 44, 5'8", 150, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music, movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet other TV/TSs, and ladies who understand. No men. Enjoy making new friends throughout the US."

**MARLENE L. (S CA1036-K1602-64)**, P O Box 4067, Visalia CA 93278

Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Chapter, National, and Tri Chi, Tulare, Ca. Attended Holiday en Femme '87, '89, received Special Service Award, Tri-Ess. 59, divorced, professional. Interested in tennis, motorcycle touring, cross-country skiing. "I help Carol Beecroft in the Tri-Ess National office."

**BETSY B. (N CA1104-K1692-64)**

Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

**LORRAINE ELLEN HALL (CA1150-K1648-64)**

Member ETVC. Pre-op TS, over 50. Some hormonal development. Lived full-time for short periods and planning full-time. Interested in art, photography, music, theater, movies, bridge. "Emerged from closet 5 years ago. I have surmounted many obstacles and my goal now seems to be within my grasp. I would love to hear from others who may share my dream and welcome their comments, advice, and questions."

**SHARYN BETH MINSUK (N CA1472-K7809-65)**, P O Box 1172, Berkeley CA 94701

SWM, Bi-TV, 33, 150, 6'0", long hair, currently in electrolysus. "Formerly Sharyn Stevens, but boyself has finally accepted femme self into the family! Interested in dates, NOT penpals (no time to write). Attractive, relaxed, non-smoking companions sought. SF Bay area, for movies, conversation, sharing fantasies. Male female, or TV/TS. Also interested in dating TV/TS as Steve."

**DONNA FREEMAN (N CA1664-K1819-67)**, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885

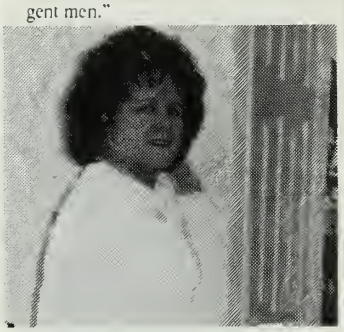
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA, NWGA. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 46 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Life-long CD, public for 5 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

**ANN L. (CA1840-K1997-64)**

Member ETVC, RGA, Phoenix Rising, Neutral Corner. 140, 5'7", 39, M-F TS SRS in two years. Metropolitan nightlife, cosmopolitan lifestyle. "Seeking non-sexual meetings and correspondence with other TSs. Joint living and career opportunities welcomed. No men, please."

**SARAH W. (N CA1727-K1877-64)**

31, pre-op M-F TS, just starting process. "Want to make friends in the TV/TS community and learn from those who have completed SRS. Would also be interested in corresponding with intelligent men."



**STACY C. (CA1806-K1961-67)**, 9842 Hibert Street, Suite 168, San Diego CA 92131

40 years young, 6', auburn hair, green eyes. Clinical psychology graduate student, gender issues a specialty, looking at root causes of CD. "Very busy with my studies, but would love to correspond with intelligent, open, CD/TVs, etc. I go public as my schedule permits. Dress to pass. Will try to answer promptly!"

**RACHAEL D. (N CA1811-K1957-67)**, P O Box 56362, Hayward CA 94545-6362

Member ETVC in SF, RGA in San Jose, DVG in Walnut Creek. Participant Two Fantasia Fairs, two Texas T-Parties. 5'10", brown, blue, 51, pass well. Interested in all things feminine, computers, going out dressed with TV or alone, but best of all with my wife. "Recently married to an understanding woman who knew... best girlfriends and a wonderful wife. I'm smiling a lot of late!"

**GLORIA B. (CA1897-K1693-64)**

Member of ETVC. 6'3", 300. Interested in auto racing, photography. "Struggling to go out in public. Would like to hear from others in North Bay, Wine Country."

**MELANIE B. (SW CA2566-K3737-67)**

5'3", blue eyes, light brown hair, caucasian, 41, M-F pre-op TS. Facial electrolysis completed. On hormones one year. Interested in the arts, doll collecting, motorcycles, cooking, shopping, brainstorming, thrift stores, people, and museums. "Interested in F-M TS, pre-op or not, for friendship and possible long term relationship. No cigarets, drugs, or alcohol. Am dependable, hard-working, monogamous R.N. I'm agnostic, you?"

**ELIZABETH BLAIR (S CA1927-K2214-64)**, P O Box 28041, San Diego CA 92198-0041

TV, 43, 5'10", size 18. Interested in shopping, cooking, photography, and all things feminine. "I travel the western states and enjoy meeting and writing other TVs, especially large sized sisters. Like to go out dressed with TVs to clubs, shopping, etc. Am married to a somewhat understanding wife."

**TOM WILLIAMS (CA2637-K4185-64)**

Single male, 48, 5'10", 180, brown blue. "Genuine nice guy, patient, intelligent, non-smoker, monogamous. Correspond, meet with passable ultra feminine, marriage-minded, stable girl-next-door to

super sexy TV, she/male, pre/post-op TS, 5'7" or under who wants to live/share a real life. No pros or free rides."

**MELISSA M. FOSTER (S CA2099-K1518-65)**, P O Box 816, Lakewood CA 90714

Attended IFGE Conventions, Texas Ts, Esprit, Holiday Enfemme, Southern Comfort. White TV, 5'10". "I travel the world and enjoy attending conventions. Enjoy corresponding & meeting other TV/TSs. I enjoy helping others, drop me a note."

**ARLENA ROSE (CA2273-K2847-65)**

Member of ETVC. 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, S, 39. Interested in cooking, reading, music, fashion, art, trying to be a better person. "Scared, lonely, and confused. Sound familiar? Am seeking someone to help me face and overcome these things and accept me in return. If you've written before, try again. I had a roommate who stole my mail."

**JANELLE AILENE SEXTON (CA2327-K3024-65)**

Member of ETVC, Diablo Valley Girls. Divorced, hetero, TV, 37, 6', 190, red hair, blue eyes. Interests, square dancing, period costumes, simulated pregnancy. "Enjoy going out dressed as a woman."

**KAREN D. (CA2849-K4708-64)**

Widowed, hetero, 65, 6', 200. Interested in all sports, especially golf, country/western music, and jazz. "Dress as often as I can. Love panties, bras, and slips. Wife died three years ago. Would die if any of my kids found out. Doubt if I will ever come out of the closet. Please write."

**ROXANNA R. (N CA2350-K3063-66)**, P O Box 8182, Berkeley CA 94707

Member ETVC, DVG. Married redheaded TV, with open lifestyle and actively supportive wife. Interested in art, photography, fashion, modeling, goddesses, fetishes, and erotica. "Am a bright and sexy chimerical femme interested in correspondence and/or meeting with genuine TVs and sincere men to practice the art of gender illusionism."

**BOB DAVIS (N CA2620-K1631-64)**

"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: *Tapestry*, prior to #39, *Ladylike* #1 and 2, *Female Mimics International* #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's *Drag* and Virginia Prince's *Transvestia*."

**KRIS C. (C CA2713-K4340-67)**

TV, 5'8", mid-thirties, brown hair/brown eyes. Sensitive and caring. Love feminine fashions, shopping for clothing, music, computers, sports. "Lifelong crossdresser who loves being feminine, especially when wearing dresses. Always open to advice on appearance. Will try to help anyone who corresponds by writing/photos."

**CAROL LEE (CA2798-K4622-64)**, P O Box 186, Bryn Mawr CA 92318

Married Oriental, 5'8", TV. Interested in photography. "Interested in dressing, shopping, long gowns, and meeting others, and corresponding with heterosexual CDs. Particularly want to pass even better. Would be delighted to meet anyone that could help in this area. Have been out a few times a year and pass well."

**PATTI PIERCE (CA2799-K4649-68)**, P O Box 328, Bryn Mawr CA 92318

Member PPOC. Attended California Dreamin' '92. Hetero CD, widower, 6'2", 158. "Enjoy organic gardening, amateur radio, woodworking, shopping as Patti. I have fun corresponding with others and exchanging experiences and photos. Love pierced ears and earrings. Travel often in summer to various CD outings. Out of closet three years, and enjoy each new adventure."

**LUCY ANN JONES (CA2833-K4704-64)**

Member ETVC. Attend most events in Bay area. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, WF, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F TS (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. Enjoy music, dining out, pet lizards, and Siamese cat. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-sexual lesbian in lesbian relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

**EVELYN J. SMITH (CA2864-K4827-65)**

Member ETVC. Attended Fantasia Fair. Pre-op TS, 56, divorced, on hormones 3 yrs. Interested in classical and new age music, reading, photography, travel in North America. "Plan to return to school in fall '92 for an RN degree. Will live full time after graduation in 1994. Interested in correspondence with TSs who had SRS or went full time after age fifty."

**LISA R. (CA2926-K4999-64)**

MWM, 5'10", 145, mid-thirties. Enjoy gardening, photography, and skiing. "Have crossdressed all my life. Just started going out. Interested in corresponding with others in LA area. Photo, meeting."

**CHELSEA BROWN (CA2934-K4993-65)**, P O Box 2025-364, Tustin CA 92680

Attended California Dreamin'. 34, 6', hazel eyes. Interested in computers, reading (and writing) TV fiction. "I have started going out en femme to malls and restaurants. Either I pass well, or Californians don't care! Either way, I'm loving discovering who Chelsea is."

**JULIE ANN R. (CA2892-K6248-64)**

SWM, TV, 40, 5'8", 150. Still closeted, but trying to come out. Interested in fashion, clothes, makeup, shopping, gardening, cooking, hairstyles, developing all aspects of my femininity. "I am quite content to have both male and female personas. I would enjoy meeting others. I am honest, sincere, and quick as possible with correspondence. Enjoy 'girl talk' through mail, & possible meeting."

**MELANIE HOWARD (CA2899-K4950-64)**
38, 5'11", 145, MWM, 12, CD with TG/TS tendencies. Enjoys dresses, skirts, heels, and most things feminine. Interested in gender dysphoria and its relationship in our culture. "I have accepted Melanie completely, and couldn't be happier about it. Look forward to sharing with others and contributing towards a better understanding of gender issues in our communities. I enjoy all correspondence and will answer quickly."

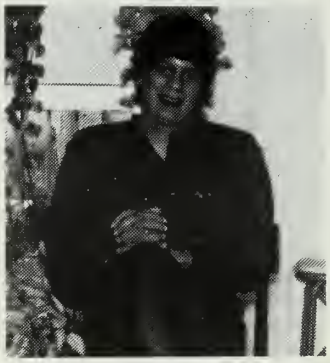
**SANDI BUELL (CA2989-K5144-65)**, P O Box 1038, Bonsall CA 92003
MWM, hetero, CD, 60, 5'8", 145. Conservative dresser. Interested in photography, sailing, scuba. "Started dressing at age 12. Still striving to look as naturally feminine as possible. Married 30 years to wonderful woman who helps me select and obtain coordinated outfits, but can't participate. Love all things feminine, especially long, manicured nails, smooth legs, sheer hose, and pretty shoes."

**JOLYNN VEIRA (CA3017-K5204-65)**
DWM, 49, 5'7", 160, CD since early teens. Interested in art, computers, computer art and animation. "Since the way I prefer and like to dress is not acceptable by society, I have to restrict it to the privacy of my house. I will answer all."

**MARY ANNE S. (CA3030-K5498-65)**
Member ETVC, Rainbow Gender Alliance. 5'8", 160, 14, white TS, single, 42. Interested in science, especially astronomy, cooking, gardening, and music. "I am a reentry student in engineering and doing well thanks to a new sense of self-esteem, and thanks to support from my bi-gendered sisters and brothers. Although I am hetero oriented, I would enjoy corresponding with anyone from our bi-gendered community."

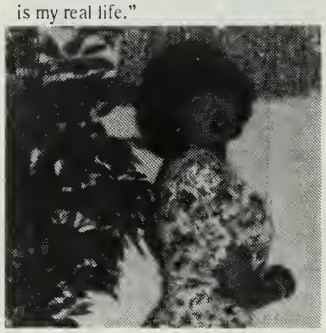
**LAURA RODGERS (CA-M3627-K7688-67)**, P O Box 1055, Davis CA 95617
58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed.

**JUDI BENSEN (CA3063-K4877-65)**, P O Box 130, Midway City CA 92655-0130
6', 170, won't admit to over 37 years! Very athletic, MWM, heterosexual. Interested in cycling, anything feminine, spending precious time as Judy. "I'm just learning about myself and am seeking others to correspond with about our world. Wife has seen me dressed, but doesn't have full understanding. Don't bother with sex. Photo OK. Let's write about us." Still in closet. Will answer all mail."



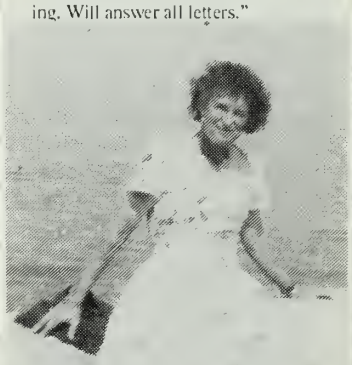
**JOSEPHINE C. (APO-SF3137-K5115-65)**
"I'm a black hetero CD, 5'10", 185. Married to a loving Japanese woman who has become understanding to my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Due to the nature of my profession, I cannot. Enjoy mathematics, reading Japanese, computers, chess, and Japanese shogi. Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG for friendship. Please write."

**BILLIE JEAN JONES (CA3205-K6197-99)**
Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *Gender-Flex* - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."



**DAINA H. (CA3325-K6596-66)**
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday En Femme '91, California Dreamin' '90. Attractive, passable hetero TV who is extremely feminine in all aspects - voice and mannerism. Loves day time (and night time) outings. Travels extensively.

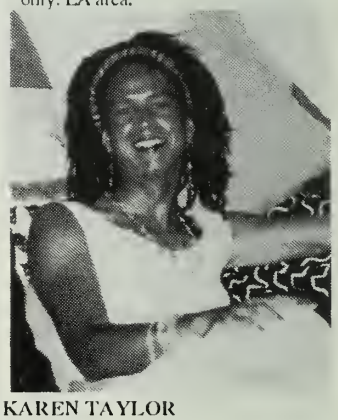
**JENNIFER MICHAELS (CA4132-K4879-63)**
5'10", 140, MWM, passable. Enjoy shopping, biking, surfing, going out as Jennifer. "Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Would like to correspond with others and share insights on how to balance CD and family life. Enjoy trading advice and suggestions regarding dressing. Will answer all letters."



**CHARLENE HUNTER (CA3460-K7122-67)**
Member ETVC, Transcare, NZ, NWGA. Attended Coming Together '92, Esprit '92, Dignity Cruise to Alaska, Fantasia Fair '81, '92, Texas T Party '93. MWM TS, 55, 160, 5'11". Enjoy gardening, travel, make some of my clothes. Would love to hear from my sisters from the land down under, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Napier. Am a gentle soul. Your photo gets mine."

**RACHEL MILLER (CA3728-K6677-64)**, P O Box 31475, Oakland CA 94604
Hetero male, 51, married. Computer professional, spiritual, enjoy history, philosophy, running, college basketball, pro football. Seeking soulmate who can discuss integrating CD into basic personality and become a friend. Confidentiality crucial. Only dress at home. Prefer someone local. Supportive wife. Eventually wish to include our wives."

**BOBBI B. (CA3693-K8021-64)**
Tall, late 50's, looks younger, accepting wife. Loves role-playing and making videos. Successful at it. "Let's make videos together. I'll be a good looking stud or a sexy hot lady . . . you, too. I'm creative, all kinds of plot lines in mind. Great fun/release. Very quiet. Very confidential only. LA area."



**KAREN TAYLOR (CA3697-K8039-65)**, K. C. Taylor, P O Box 1335, Topanga CA 90290
27, 5'8", 140, African-Mexican-American-Indian CD with TS tendencies. "I have been dressing since my mom got me started as an infant. Am beginning to believe gender-ambiguous/gender-blending people may be the salvation of our planet (i.e., Berdache/healers). Need to hear from any who can help."

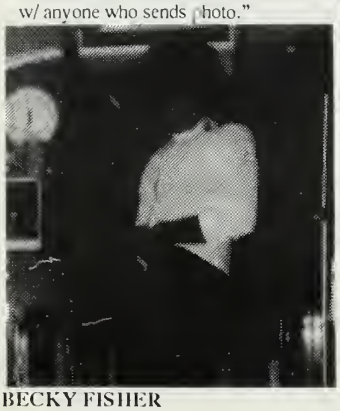
**REBECCA ELIZABETH B. (CA3793-K2890-64)**
SWM, 44, 5'7•", 135. Interested in music, movies, books, cooking, stamps, all things feminine. "Still closeted, but wanting to come out. I have been crossdressing since age 9. Now that my daughter is grown and married, it is time for the true me to emerge. Seeking sisters for support and guidance on my journey."

**MARKIE-MONTANA CHAMBERS (CA3925-K8437-66)**
Member ETVC, RPGA Network, Plan-

etary Society. 6'2", 195, brown hair, blue eyes. Late 20's, M-F TS. Interested in computers, AD & D, reading walking, traveling. "Would be more than happy to correspond."

**PATSY A. (CA3710-K8054-68)**
Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties with female friends. Like to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs& friends."

**CHERYL K. (CA3823-K5337-64)**
Member Neutral Corner. SWM, 36, 5'10", 135, size 8. "Am a fairly passable and dedicated TV with TS goals who enjoys the company of sisters with similar interests. I love shopping and possess a vast wardrobe. Also like photography, travel, entertaining, and dating. Want to meet others in the San Diego area. I correspond w/ anyone who sends photo."



**BECKY FISHER (CA4019-K5114-66)**, P O Box 8834, Anaheim CA 92812
DWM, 6', 178, slim, 14/16, 60's. Interests: Northeast Indians, 17th-19th century sailing ships, photography, travel. "Live as Becky as much as possible (in closet). Would love to correspond with other TVs for girl talk and mutual interests. Quiet, intelligent. Love everything feminine."

**TINA H. (CA4104-K-66)**
Member SGA. MWM, Bi, 160, 5'9", healthy and in good shape. Interest in photography, fashion, makeup, crossdressing. "Would love to correspond and meet other TVs. Enjoy exchanging photos and life experiences with crossdressing. Been dressing since teen years. Ready to come out of closet and make new friends."

**SHELLY J. (CA3986-K4156-65)**, P O Box 278341, Sacramento CA 95827
MWM, 36, 5'9", 175, brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoy skiing, outdoors. "I am a TV who wants to come out, but need some support. Would like to meet other TVs for private get-togethers until I am passable. I have enjoyed crossdressing in closet all my life. It's time for a change. I live in the Sacramento Valley. Please write."

## *HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)*

**ALANA A. (HI3308-K6597-67)**, P O Box 22891, Honolulu HI 96823-2891
Asian, hetero, CD, 41, 5'9". Interests, all aspects of our wonderful feminine lifestyle. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Still in closet. Anxious to go public. "Love to meet with, correspond with sincere, discreet CDs in order to enhance our female image. Will answer all."

**SHARON W. (HI3185-K6110-66)**
Married hetero, male, 6' tall. "Like reading, travel, horology. Wife is supportive, changing my conception of personality. Learning how to pass. Not there yet."

**TRACY ANN RYAN (HI2180-K2598-65)** T. Ryan, 777 Kapiolani Blvd, Box #3114, Honolulu HI 96813
Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach, President of same. Awards: Miss Femininity, Fantasia Fair, 1990. "M-F transgenderist living as a woman, but not attracted to men. Very active in local gender community. Don't have time to write to pen-pals, but will answer letters concerning our group or other items concerning the gender community and formation of groups elsewhere."

## *OREGON (970- 979-)*

**KAREN KROLL (NW OR322-K-67)**
Member NWGA, RCGC. Pre-op TS, 50, 5'9", 186, on hormones 3 years, and started to live full-time in '93. "Outgoing and friendly personality. Enjoy meeting and writing to others. Have written articles on TS & CD issues and have taken part in several panel discussions. Changing careers in '93 so I am returning to school fo an MSW in counseling."

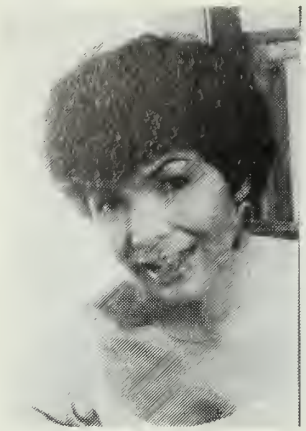
**ELLEN SUMMERS (OR382-K1703-64)**, c/o NWGA, Box 4928, Portland OR 97208-4928
IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee. Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping for Ellen. Wish to help new girls. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

**RONI LANG (OR3599-K7624-64)**, c/o NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208-4928
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."

**KAREN PHILLIPS (OR3158-K5762-66)**
5'8", 165, hetero, 10, brown hair and eyes. Divorced. Interested in dressing up, heels, makeup, hair, camping, computers, golf, woodwork. "Just coming out. Want to meet other girls in the area and exchange ideas. Not passable, yet, but with a little practice, I'll be ready. Dying to go out!"

**JAN C. (OR3514-K7221-66)**
MWM, 5'10", 170, 60+. Computer nut, interested in dressing, easy listening music. "Want to meet other CDs. Travel frequently to Ontario, Quebec and states on I-94, I-5, I-40. Will write all. CD over 50 years. Wife non-supportive, so need someone to talk to and learn from."

**FIONA MORRIS (OR3607-K7692-64)**
Member NWGA. Attended Esprit '92. 5'7", 135, DWM, mid-age. Interested in sewing, cooking, computers, writing. "Lifelong CD, pass easily, enjoy all feminine activities, especially dining, theater, night life, and, of course, shopping. Welcome companionship of other CD/TSs. Health professional and knowledgeable about hormones for men. Formerly known as Jennifer M."



**JILL NICHOLS**
**(OR3934-K6325-65)**, Box 333, Baker City OR 97814

Member NWGA, Tri-Ess '78-'81. Attended Esprit '91, *Transvestia* cover girl 1985. 5'9•", 38, more a be-er than a doer. Interested in cultural events, people, arts. "Have been active for 15 years and really love the CDs I've met. I live remotely and travel out of town for most of my outings. Like to dress for extended periods. Would enjoy meeting CDs creative about what to do and where to go."

## *WASHINGTON*
## *(980- 994-)*

**KAY CROSSLYN (WA2796-K4454-64)**

"I am an inventor and artist, age 48, with a sense of humor about my frequent desire to dress the female part. I'm interested in esthetics, psychology, spirituality, mythology, and the ideas of Carl Jung. I'd like to correspond with someone who would care to trade speculation about the spiritual meaning of crossdressing, and, among other things, how it might fit into the context of the Men's Movement."

**SANDY S. (WA1022-K1728-67)**

Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

**JUDY OSBORNE**
**(WA1024-K1719-64)**, Box 19394, Seattle WA 98109

Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Attended Fantasia Fair, Esprit '91. 5'11, 155, married. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Love being a woman out in the world. Especially love sharing myself with a widening circle of family and friends."

**MICHELLE LEE H.**
**(WA1446-K1406-66)**

Member Tri-Ess, Emerald City, NWGA, Boulton & Park, ETVC. Attended Holiday In Femme, Be All, Esprit, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort, Dignity Cruise. Interested in cooking, gardening, flowers, golden retrievers, golf, reading, music, shopping, reaching out, and annual Esprit week in the northwest.

**MELISSA LEEANN PRATHER**
**(WA2102-K2505-64)**

Member Emerald City, Omega Alpha Tri-Ess, NWGA. 5'9", 190, 57. Interested in sewing and design art, calligraphy, scale model planes, stamp collecting, model railroading. "Have a supportive wife. We go out shopping together, and dine out. Have been out of closet three years. Want to build friendships."

**HELEN BOUNDS**
**(W WA2688-K4322-65)**, Box 3772, Bellevue WA 98009

"I am a hetero TV who loves the feeling of being fully dressed and feminine. My family is not aware of my interests, so personal meetings may be difficult, but are possible. Love to correspond, trade photos, and hopefully meet. All letters answered."

**EMILY THOMAS**
**(WA3119-K5669-65)**, P O Box 2799, Woodinville WA 98072-2799

Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. Attended Esprit '91, '92. 5'7", 150, 50, brown hair and eyes. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, woodworking, computers, and reading. "Go out dressed three or four times a month and pass, day or night. Like to meet other TVs who pass and would like to go out week nights. Like to correspond with others in NW."

**GERRI BECKEN**
**(WA3230-K6299-67)**

6'0", 170, 39, single CD/TV. Like reading romance and science fiction, bicycling, long walks, dressing. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters. Enjoy dressing and occasionally going out in public. Only occasionally able to enjoy my feminine self."

**JANET ANDERSON**
**(WA3322-K6603-66)**, P O Box 2715, Woodinville WA 98072

6'2", 185, slim. Interested in gardening, do nothing, eating out, and living like a she/male. Have crossdressed for many years. Would appreciate a woman who could accept and encourage a male to be feminine and have a woman-to-woman and a male-to-woman relationship. Am considering hormones. TV with strong TS tendencies."

**KRISTEN A. LANGLEY**
**(WA3560-K7441-64)**, P O Box 1627, Kent WA 98035-1627

Member Emerald City. 33, 6', 195, married, reasonably passable. Interested in Sci-Fi (Star Trek), photography, scale miniature railroading, and cartooning (*Tapestry* #58). "Have been dressing since age eight, but have only gone out in public for last three years. Wife is fairly supportive. Enjoy going out with friends, new and old, and corresponding with long distance friends. Very humorous."

**BONNIE H. (WA3561-K7491-64)**

Member COS, Emerald City. SW TV/TG, 24, very passable, out of closet. Interested in music, photography, alpine meadows, beaches. "Would like to meet young TV/TS living in the northwest. Interested in going to clubs, lunch, and the beach en femme with girlfriends. Am a positive person looking for friends, a roommate, and to correspond with others in the US. Caring and understanding."

**MICHELLE DANIELS**
**(WA3532-K7254-67)**

5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40.

Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all.'

**CASSANDRA OWENS (WA3868-K4261-65)**
Member Emerald City. passable hetero CD, 25, 5'6", 132. "Recently out of the closet and loving it. My interests include movies, music, photography, hi end audio, exploring life as Cassie, and spending time with my girlfriend. Welcome correspondence from other CDs. Sometimes flaky when it comes to writing, but I'll try."

**JASON CROMWELL (WA3828-K1722-65)**
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

**EDNA F. (WA3909-K8393-65)**
5'9•", 49, 130. Interested in history, sports, hairstyling, makeup, and being feminine. "Have just got back into CD after being away for four years. Dressed since I was a teen. Would like to get advice on how to be more feminine, and help in dressing. Would like to go out in public sometime."

**ERICA LANG (WA3924-K8438-66)**
5'11", 167, hazel eyes, brown hair, 33, married, hetero. Interested in writing and photography. "Just starting out, but been under since age 6. Would love to have many girlfriends. Sorry, no picture, yet, Looking for places to go and meet people in Seattle area. Let's dress!"

**STEPHANIE ANN MILLS (WA4001-K8609-66)**, P O Box 1114, Renton WA 98057-1114
MWM TV, hetero, 42, 5'7", 160. "Lifetime crossdresser, but nonsupportive wife and 2 teenagers keep me in the closet. Working on developing feminine image. Love all things feminine. Educated professional, interested in writing, reading, music, the performing arts. Caring, sincere, sensitive and trusting friend who seeks like-minded TV/CDs for sharing and support."

**JAMIE R. (WA4016-K7977-66)**
MWM CD, 49, hetero, loving and supportive wife. Interested in outdoor activities, boating, cooking and computers. "Love crossdressing, especially nylons and lingerie. Would like to correspond and possibly meet with other married couples with similar interests. Would like to improve femme image. Discretion a must."

## *ALASKA (995-999-)*

**DONNA S. (AK2247-K2739-66)**
Member Tri-Ess. TV, 5'9", 36, 140. "Enjoy dancing, pool, socializing, and shopping as a woman. Also enjoy mini skirts to show off my figure. Will answer all letters."

**NORA JEAN YORK (AK1425-K1744-66)**, P O Box 203134, Anchorage AK 99520-3134
Member Berdache Society, Identity, Equal, Congress of Representatives. Participant Coronations '89, '90, '92. Berdache Princess 1992. "Enjoy being feminine, cooking, sewing, mnt. biking, home computer, and cam-cording. Collect music cassettes and CDs, Marilyn Monroe plates, and Wizard of Oz memorabilia."

**BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY (AK3314-K6591-67)**, P O Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349
Member Berdache Society. Attended Alaska Coronation '92. WTIM, 50, hetero, supportive wife, children grown and gone. 5'5", 140. Interested in computers, art, music, flying and being feminine. "Like to spend all my free time as a woman, go out dressed a lot. Try to promote Berdache Society. For those interested in this uniquely Alaskan group, write me."

**MIKKI T. (AK2420-K3332-66)**
Member Berdache Society. 40, divorced, TS, 6', brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in computers, BBSing, mail. "Am a computer enthusiast wishing to correspond with others via BBS or mail. Believe the time is right for all to come out of the closet and stand up for our rights."

## *CANADA*

**YVETTE DUCHARME (CAN1632-K1806-66)**
Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, '92. Board member, Outreach Institute. Post-op. 5'11", 175, Single. Fortyish. Living alone. Interests: Femme things, fashion, makeup, travel, reading, listening to Big Band music, walking, movies. "I enjoy corresponding very much. My personality is classical type. Would like to correspond, form new friendships, and help others."

**ROBYN V. (CAN2449-K3392-66)**
Member of Toronto CDC, Gender Mosaic, Ottawa. Hetero TV, 47, married with family. Interested in theater, classical and other music, skiing, and motor yachting. "Robyn has found herself! She loves to shop and dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel takes her to New York, Ottawa, Toronto, and other cities. Maybe we can get together sometime. Photo ."

**CAROLYN ALEXANDER (ON CAN1087-K1770-64)**, Box 7115, Vanier PO, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E3
"I'm a 40-something attractive and sophisticated bi WMM CD, well and truly educated with a sensuous, caring attitude. I pass easily and love to be totally feminine. Looking for intimate friendship with readers having similar make-up who wish to meet or correspond."

**GABRIELLE P. (ON CAN2918-K4997-69)**
63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

**SANDY C. (CAN2608-K3822-66)**
Member of CDC, Gender Mosaic, MSC. Attended Be All '91, '92, TMS Coronation '90, '92. 39, 5'11", supportive wife and daughters. Enjoy socializing with couples and families, dining in or out, especially with a bottle of good wine. Love life and femininity, from high heels to walks in the woods."

**MICHELLE JOHNSON (CAN3165-K1754-66)**
Member Cornbury, Emerald City, NWGA. Attended Esprit '91, '92. 5'7", 150, mid 40's. Enjoy people photography, music and singing. "Love being a well dressed girl and being involved in

mainstream activities. Go out regularly day time or night time. My first airplane trip was fun. Tolerant & supportive wife."

MINA C.
(QUE CAN2955-K5063-65)
Mina & Princess Shelba, P O Box 664, Beaconsfield, QUEBEC, Canada H9W 5V3
6', 170, TV, with very supportive wife. "Our interests are varied. We travel frequently. We enjoy fantasy development and role playing as part of our 'Rituals of Belonging.' Although I am passable, we are looking for methods to further increase my femininity. Interested in couples and select individuals who share our aspirations. Discretion expected and assured."

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN
(CAN3502-K7186-64), Box 45091, Regent Postal Outlet, Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA R2C 5C7
Member Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All '92. W pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 175 and losing, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, swimming, travel. "Shy. Seek long term relationship with F-M or M. Intention matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Helping form TV/TS club in Winnipeg."

ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN3323-K6583-66)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

ANGEL RICHARDS
(CAN3715-K8046-64), P O B 535, Kamloops, BC, CANADA V2C 5L7
Member of Dreamgirls. Attended Esprit '92. S, brown hair, blue eyes. Interests in cooking, art, makeup, classic R&R. "Would like to correspond with others."

KRIS MARTIN
(CAN3985-K1055-65), Unit 360 P O Box 9060, Surrey, B.C. V3T 5P8
38, 5'11", long time CD. Interested in music, skiing, hiking, travel. "Would love to corresponed and meet other crossdressers. Live in the Vancouver-Surrey area, British Columbia."

JENNIFER BLAKE
(CAN3385-K6790-67), P O Box 66583, Stoney Creek P O, Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, L8G-5ES
Married, hetero, supportive wife, 27, passable, love to go out as a female. Interested in writing, shopping, and helping others. "Married in 1990 en femme, written book about experience, and produced a video helping other sisters with makeup and showing my entire wardrobe. Love to hear from other sisters who are in need of a friend and love to write."

ROXANNE VAN NESS
(CAN3711-K8050-65)
SWM, hetero, 46, 5'10", 165, 12, blonde, blue eyes. Interested in creative writing; sketching; photography; music; movies (esp. Disney); reading; sports; and things feminine. "CD since 1990, after a lapse of twenty years. Not beautiful, per se, but attractive with proper grooming. Wish to correspond with caring girlfriends for guidance with feminine evolution.."

KAREN FOX
(CAN3140-K5888-66),
Attend Fantasia Fair '92. Hetro CD 5'9", 145, 41. Interests; books, stockings, and computers.."Been a crossdresser since I was a teen. I enjoy the feel of stockings ahainst my legs. Just had my first trip to the US where I spent most of the time as Karen. Hope to repeat soon"

## *MEXICO*

LAURA MORENO
(MEX2670-K4260-67)
Attended Fantasia Fair '91. Separated WM, 41, 5'10", 140, brown hair and eyes. Interested in music, reading cooking photo, people. "Lifelong CD, passable at times (too tall for a Mexican girl). Still trying to join or form a TV/TS group in Mexico City for mutual support. Where are you my Mexican or Latin people?"

## *UNITED KINGDOM*

ANNE FORRESTER
(SCOTLAND2791-K4526-64)
Member Scottish TV/TS Group, Grampion Gender Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Hetero CD, separated, 61 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). Travel, read, and write. Edit *The Tartan Skirt*. Live 50% as a woman. "Conservatively dressed lady who loves heels, hose, and ballgowns. Pass well. Often travel dressed. Willing to help. Like to hear from sisters in Europe and sympathetic genetic women."

CELIA S. (ENG1904-K2204-64),
P O B 1351, London N16 7XX, Eng.
Member Beaumont Society, Gender Dysphoria Trust (UK). Widower, 5'9", 145. Occasional TV from age 4 to partner's death. Now getting more deeply involved. Interested especially in language and music. "Would like to receive audio tapes in exchange for my 'first and second voices' tape."

KAREN BARCLAY
(ENGLAND3191-K6155-66), P O B 449, Reading, RG15AT ENGLAND
Tall, slim, CD, 25. Live with understanding girlfriend. Interested in Aikido, foreign travel, current affairs. "I believe crossdressing sets you free. I also think you can get more from a dress and a kind word than you can from just a kind word. So, take a deep breath and write."

## *EUROPE*

YVONNE THOMPSON
(GERMANY3050-K5626-65)
Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, reddish brown hair, almost passable. Interests photography, jazz of 40's and 50's, traveling. "I enjoy any opportunity to be Yvonne. I like fine lingerie, ladylike clothing, pretty

shoes, and perfect makeup. Wife does tolerate, but is not supportive. Have been dressed up many times in public. Would like to correspond with sisters in Europe and in the USA."

**SUSANNE ANDERS (AUST2774-K4604-64)**, P O Box 182, A-1210 Vienna, AUSTRIA
Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

**EVA K. (GERMANY3749-K8211-64)**
Member Tri-Ess. 35, 1.73m., 70kg., black hair, brown eyes, married, hetero TV. Interested in crossdressing, philosophy, sociology, feminism from the CD's standpoint. "Out of the closet, wife's best girlfriend. Like to have contact with TVs in partnership who are more interested in females than in the feminine. My wife wears my clothes."

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## *HONG KONG*

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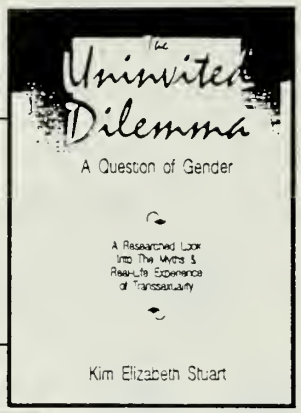


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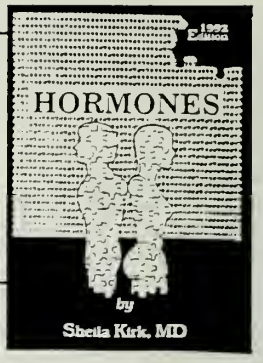


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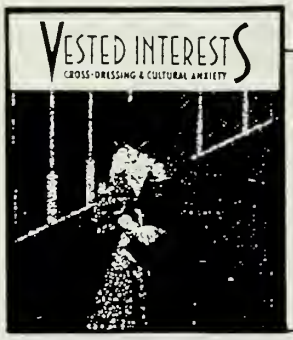


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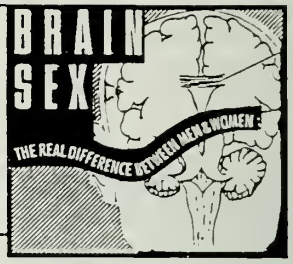


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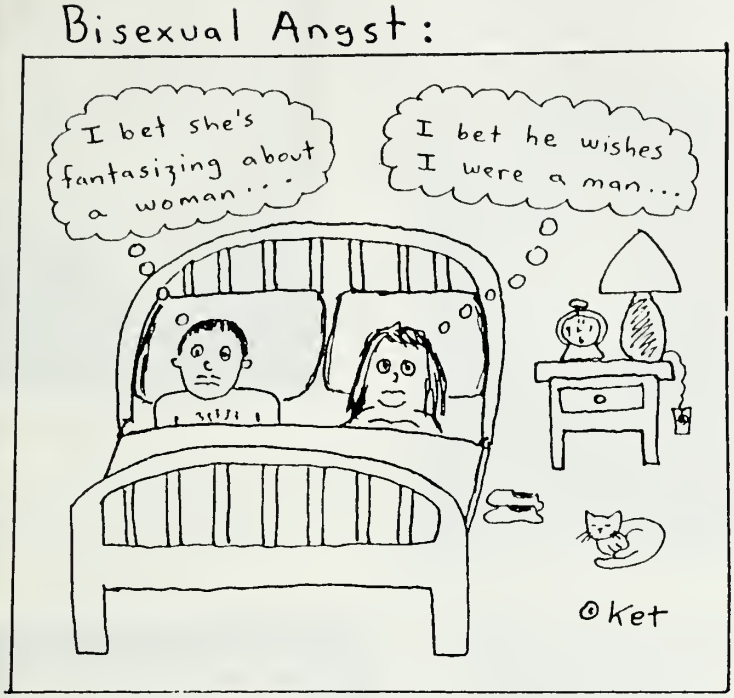

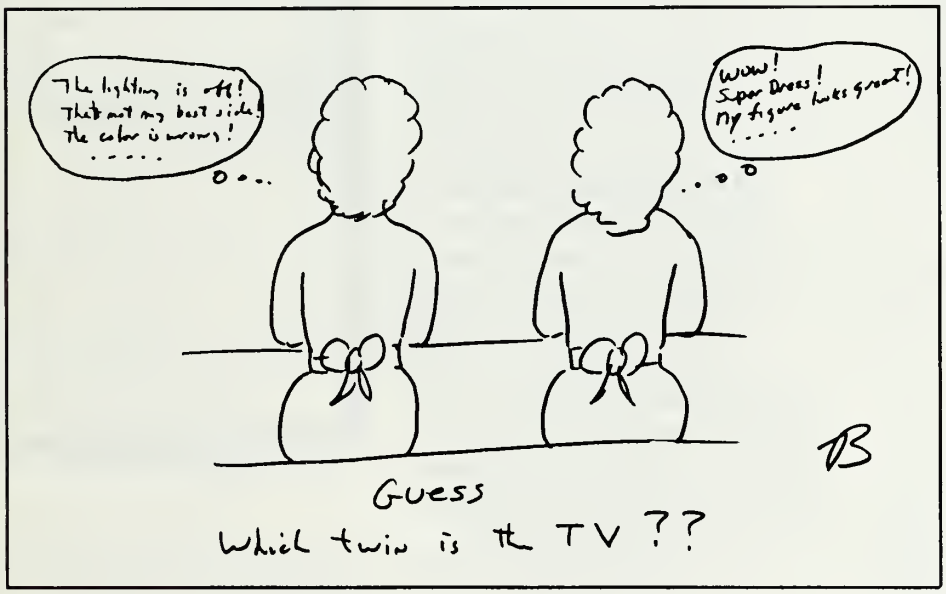


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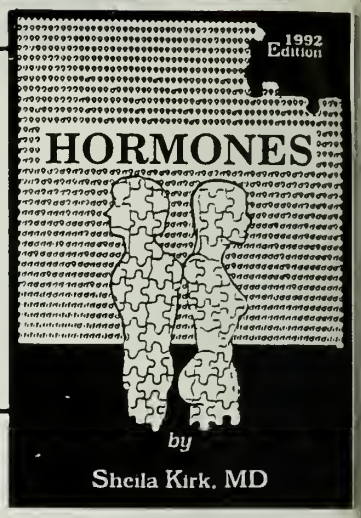


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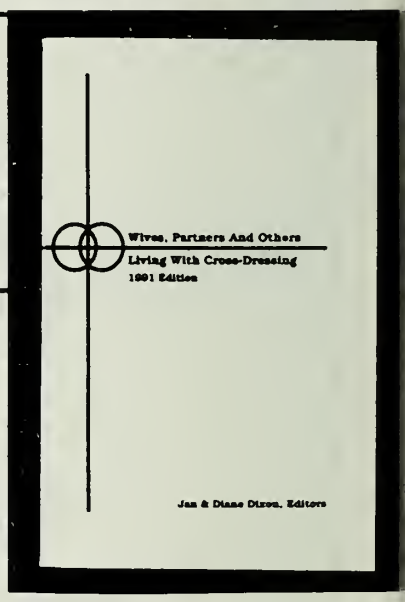


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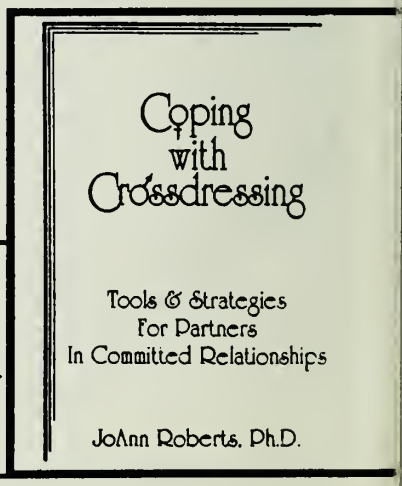

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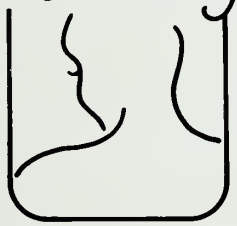

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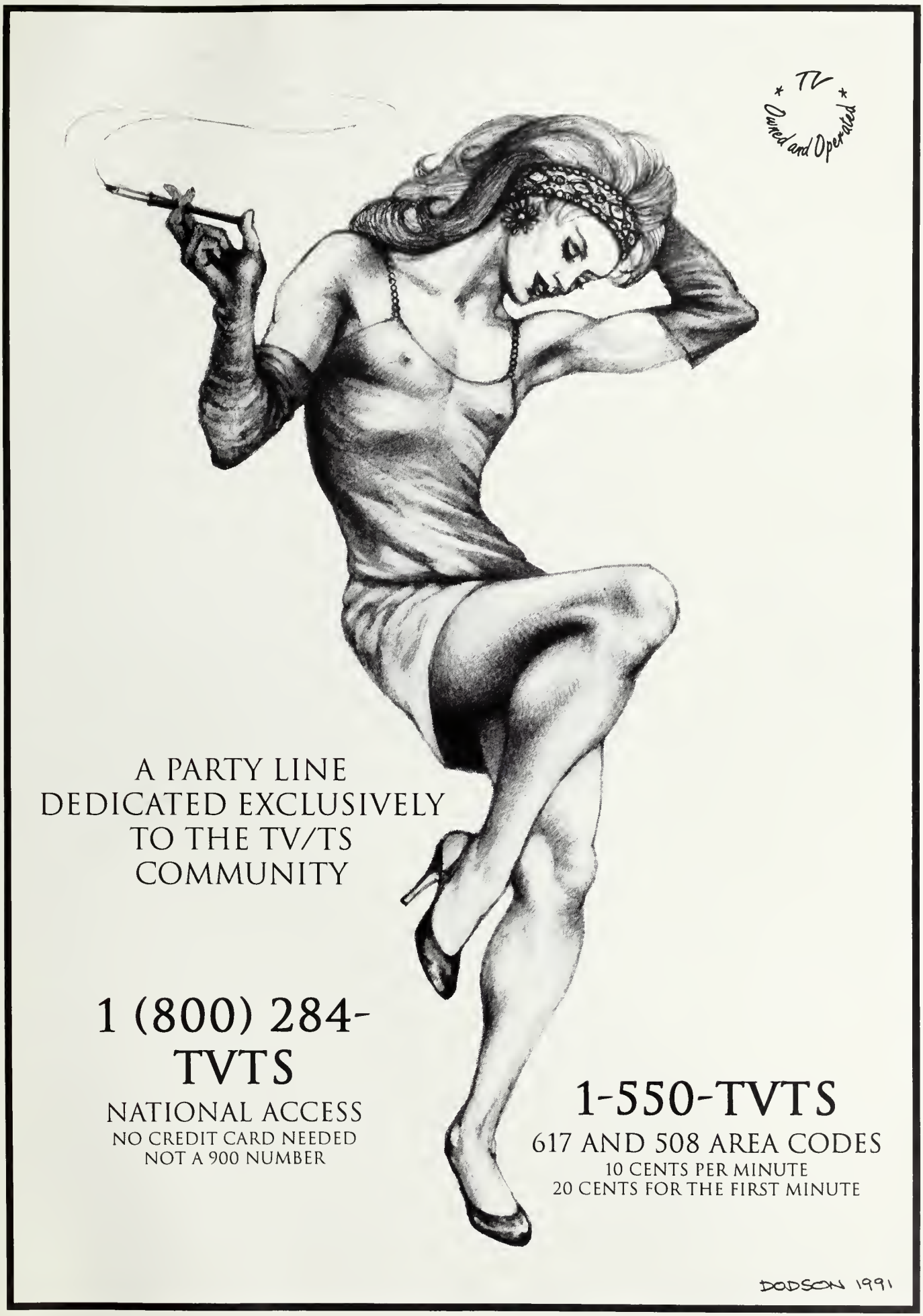
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